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Introduction and purpose of investigation

The City of Bryan is contemplating the drilling of additional water wells to the Sparta sand to meet a slightly increasing demand and to provide the additional water needed due to the decline in yield of the present wells.

Concern had been expressed as to the advisability of further development of the Sparta sand in the vicinity of the Bryan well field. As a result an investigation was made by the Texas Board of Water Engineers and the United States Geological Survey to determine whether additional development of the Sparta sand would be economically feasible in the vicinity of the present well field. Pumping tests on five wells were conducted between June 15 and July 4, 1944. This report contains the results and conclusions based on these tests.

The investigation was conducted by the Texas Board of Water Engineers in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey under the general direction of W. N. White, Principal Engineer, of the Geological Survey, who is in charge of the ground-water work in Texas.

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History of development of present well field

In January 1938, S. F. Turner 1/, of the Geological Survey submitted a report to the City of Bryan discussing ground water conditions and existing water supplies, and among other recommendations for improvement suggested the exploration of the water-bearing characteristics of the sands in the vicinity of an oil test on the Conitella property (well 50 on plate 1) about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of the city. In response to this recommendation the city in May and June 1938 drilled a test well several hundred feet from well 50 to a total depth of 1,768 feet. Water samples were obtained from sands at 1,665 to 1,687 feet; 648 to 688 feet and 462 to 542 feet below the surface. The water in the sands at 462 to 542 feet belonging to the Sparta sand formation of the Claiborne group was by far the most suitable in chemical quality for municipal use (see table 10 page 26), and therefore, the city decided to develop these sands in the vicinity of this test well. Between May and August 1939 well 2, 3 and 4 were drilled and in August 1943 the fifth well was finished, completing the development of the well field as of August 1944.

1/ See page 17 for table of references

Geology

The geological information contained in this report is based chiefly on Turner's report 1/ and on information obtained during the development of the city well field. No field studies of the geology or geologic mapping was done during the recent investigation.

The table below gives the paleontological correlation of the sediments penetrated by the test well as made by the Humble Oil and Refining Company for the Layno-Texas Company. The sediments from the surface to about 1,120 feet belong to the Claiborn. group, which is underlain by the Wilcox group all of Eocene age.

Table 1

Paleontological correlation of cuttings and cores from Bryan test well 1 and well 5 by Humble Oil and Refining Company

Age	Formation	Depth from which samples were obtained	
		Well 1	Well 5
Eocene	Cook Mountain (Crockett)	41-282 (cuttings)	0-275 (cuttings)
	Sparta sand	282-543 (cuttings and cores)	275-588 (cuttings)
	Weches green-sand	572-648 (cuttings)	Note: Samples from 583-588 feet may be Weches, no diagnostic fossils were present)
	Mount Selman Queen City sand	648-978 (cuttings and cores)	
	Reklaw	978-1052 (cuttings)	
	Carrizo sand	1052-1120 (cuttings)	
	Wilcox group	1120-1582 (cuttings and cores)	

The above correlation places the top of the Sparta in well 1 and 5 at about 282 feet and 275 feet below the surface, respectively.

As shown by the drillers' logs of all five wells and the electrical log of well 5 the Sparta sand contains two and possibly three sands. The upper sand varies in thickness from about 23 feet in well 1 to about 40 feet in well 5, and the middle sand from about 68 feet in well 4 to 85 feet in well 2. The log of well 1 shows a 5-foot sand 24 feet below the base of the middle sand and the log of well 4 a 10-foot sand, the top of which is 26 feet below the middle sand. In well 5 this basal zone occurs about 42 feet below the bottom of the middle sand according to the electrical log. The basal zone was not reached in wells 2 and 3. Plummer 2/ in describing the Sparta states the following:

"The sediments of the Sparta are thought to be mostly continental in origin. The basal sands were laid down on a beach and coastal plain in conjunction with the withdrawal of the Weches sea. The middle sands are mainly fluvial deposits spread broadly over a flat plain. The upper sediments were deposited along a transgressing shoreline laid down in advance of the Crockett sea and were worked over later by marine waters. (Strata of such origin wedge out seaward and expand landward). The basal and upper layers show shore conditions with beach sands, dune deposits, and interfingering shallow deltaic strata. Cross-bedding formed by streams and ripple marks are noteworthy in the middle beds."

He also describes the Sparta formation as containing about 70 per cent sand, 25 per cent sandy shale or clay, 3 per cent glauconitic sand, 1 per cent limonite and 1 per cent lignite. The sand is gray or buff-colored consisting of round and subangular quartz grains about 0.5 mm. in diameter mixed with a

small percentage of exceedingly fine grains.

Recharge to reservoir in Sparta sand

Recharge to the reservoir in the Sparta sand occurs from penetration of rainfall and seepage from streams on the outcrop of the sand from four to five miles northwest of the well field (see plate 1). This outcrop is $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 miles in width and has a southwest-northeast trend. The outcrop area has a sandy soil, is sparsely wooded in places and has comparatively low relief. These conditions are favorable for ground-water recharge. A 54 year record at College Station shows an average annual rainfall of 38.77 inches.

Present city wells

The present well field consists of five wells (nos. 1 to 5) and is about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of the city of Bryan and about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles down dip from the outcrop of the top of the Sparta formation. Wells 1 to 4 were completed between July 1938 and July 1939. The deep test after the sampling of the lower sands had been completed was plugged back to 569 feet, screened in the Sparta sand, and finished as well 1. The last well (No. 5) was drilled in 1943. Plate 2 shows the approximate position of the wells, and a description of them is given in table 11, page 27.

According to the logs, wells 1 to 3 are screened in the middle sand section only, well 4 is screened in both the middle and upper sands, and well 5 is screened in the middle and lowermost zones (see table 2).

Decline of water levels in wells

Table 2, page 18 gives the available water level measurements from the drilling and development of the well field to date. The measurements that are believed to represent the original static levels in wells 1, 2 and 4 adjusted for altitude agree within a few feet. The first measurement of the water level in well 2 is about 17-18 feet lower than those in the first three names, apparently due to the fact that it was taken only a few minutes after the pump stopped. The approximate net loss between the original 1938-39 static levels and the highest water level recorded during the pumping tests of June 14 to July 8, 1944 were as follows: Well 1, 71 feet; well 2, 61 feet (allowing 17 to 18 feet correction the decline amounts to 78 or 79 feet); well 3, 68 feet; and well 4, 65 feet. Well 5 had not been used prior to the pumping tests and therefore the water level of 114.57 in it obtained on June 24, 1944 shows the water level at that point under average conditions of pumping from the other four wells.

Pumpage

Although wells 1 to 4 were drilled and developed in 1938 and 1939 operation of this field was not begun until March 1940 when production from wells 1 and 2 was started. Continuous pumping from well 3 was started a month later in April 1940. Well 4 was not used until June 1942 and then only as a standby well due to the fact that the water is somewhat less desirable chemically than the water from the other wells. Figure 1 shows graphically the estimated pumpage from each well, and the estimated total pumpage since the start of operation.

The estimated figures for the average total pumpage in millions of gallons a day from 1940 to 1944 is approximately as follows: 1940, (10 months) 1.33; 1941, 1.38; 1942, 1.52; 1943, 1.82; 1944, (first six months) 1.63.

The city furnishes water to Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Bryan and the increased war training program at the college was the major factor contributing to the increased use of water. The demand for water may decrease with the declining war program at the college.

Pumping tests

A series of pumping tests consisting of five interference and two recovery tests was made on the Bryan wells between June 14 and July 4, 1944. The recovery tests were made on wells 4 and 5 and were maintained for 24 and 48 hours respectively, while each of the interference tests were carried on for about 48 hours. Water level measurements in the observation wells were made by means of a steel tape to the nearest .01 of a foot. Pumping level measurements, where possible were also made by tape, otherwise airline measurements to the nearest foot were recorded.

The yield of each well was obtained by periodic measurements of the discharge over weirs that the city maintains at each well. Although the stilling basin of each weir is equipped with baffles it is estimated that the error in measurements is between five and ten per cent due to slight wave action.

Results of tests - Table 3 shows the coefficients of transmissibility and storage computed from the observed pumping tests data by the Theis non-equilibrium formula 3/. These coefficients are a measure of the ability of the aquifer to transmit water and in combination with length of time of pumping distance from pumped well and the rate of pumping are the factors that determine the amount and rate of drawdown of the water levels caused by pumping from wells.

The coefficient of transmissibility is defined as the number of gallons of water which will move in one day through a vertical strip of the aquifer one foot wide and having the height of the aquifer with a hydraulic gradient of 100 per cent 4/

The coefficient of storage is defined as the volume of water measured in cubic feet released from storage in each column of the aquifer having a base one foot square and a height equal to the thickness of the aquifer when the artesian head is lowered one foot.

The non-equilibrium formula developed by C. V. Theis of the U. S. Geological Survey is

$$S = \frac{114.6 Q}{T} \int \frac{e^{-u}}{u} du$$
$$\frac{1.87 r^2 S}{Tt}$$

where S is the drawdown in feet at any point in the vicinity of a well discharging at a uniform rate; Q is the discharge of the well in gallons a minute; T is the coefficient of transmissibility of the aquifer in gallons a day; r is the distance of the discharge well to the point of observation in feet; S is the coefficient of storage; and t is the time the well has been pumped in days 5/.

The formula assumes that an ideal aquifer is under investigation in that it is infinite in extent, that it is homogeneous and isotropic and that it is bounded by impermeable beds both above and below.

In these tests the non-equilibrium formula was applied graphically to the amount and rate of drawdown and recovery that occurred in a single observation well at different times during the day.

As seen in table 3 the transmissibility coefficients computed from the tests are in two fairly distinct groups, those in the "high" group being in the order of 14,000 to 15,000 gpd/ft., and averaging about 14,490 gpd/ft., while those in the "low" group vary between 9,000 and 12,000 gpd/ft., and averaging about 10,780 gpd/ft. In compiling the curves in figures 2 to 7 the average "high" coefficients of transmissibility and storage used were 14,500 and 0.00024 respectively, and the average "low" coefficients were 10,800 and 0.00015 respectively.

The coefficients of storage computed from the observations on wells 1 and 2 all agree rather well, varying between 0.000221 and 0.000275 and averaging 0.000243 while the storage coefficient computed from the observations on well 3 is 0.000151 or about 37.8 per cent less than the average of the coefficients mentioned above.

The probable range within which the drawdown could be expected to vary in an infinite aquifer at the end of specific periods as a result of known changes in pumpage can be estimated by using average maximum coefficients of transmissibility and storage to obtain the probable minimum effect and by using the average minimum coefficients of transmissibility and storage to obtain the probable maximum effect. Using the average of each of these two

groups of coefficients, two sets of curves were constructed to show the theoretical drawdown that would result in an idealized aquifer from pumping a well continuously at the rate of 1,000 gallons a minute, at the end of 3 months, and 1, 5, 10, 15 and 20 years (see figs. 2 to 7). The curves represent the approximate upper and lower limits within which the drawdown, due to a known pumpage will occur at the end of these periods. It is believed that the actual conditions existing in the aquifer are more nearly approached by expressing the computed drawdowns as a range limited by the curves of the average maximum and the average minimum coefficients.

Boundaries - The curves in figures 2 to 7 show the computed drawdown that will occur in an ideal aquifer, that is, one that is infinite in extent, homogeneous and isotropic. Since this condition is seldom found in nature the lateral boundaries of the aquifer and their characteristics must be determined. These boundaries can be structural such as faulting and folding, depositional such as the lensing out of a sand or the cropping out of the aquifer at the surface. As long as boundary intercepts occur at less than infinity they will eventually effect the amount and rate of decline of the water level. Proximity to the boundary decreases the time necessary for it to effect the decline of water levels and increases the amount of its effect. Boundaries such as faults tend to increase the amount and rate of decline while recharge in outcrop areas tends to decrease the amount and rate of decline of the water levels. At this location where it is only $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the well field, the effect of the outcrop is to cause the rate of decline to become less and less until at the end of 5 years the drawdown will have practically ceased.

In computing the drawdowns shown in tables 5 to 9 the assumption was made that there has been and that there will be no drawdown in the outcrop and that recharge has maintained and will maintain a constant water level at the contact of the artesian and water-table areas. Whether or not this condition is achieved is not known, but it appears probable that if drawdown occurs the amount is small. In this connection it is believed advisable that at least two wells should be drilled and the water levels in them measured periodically, one well in the water table zone in the outcrop of the sand, and the other in the artesian zone down the dip where the sand is under cover, but close to the outcrop. By observing and correlating the changes in the water levels in these wells proper adjustment of estimates of drawdown in the water levels in the field can be made.

Effect of pumping

Specific capacity - The non-equilibrium formula is likely to give results that are in error when used to determine the drawdown in a well caused by its own pumping. For this reason the specific capacity of a well is used to compute the drawdown caused by its own pumping 6/. (The specific capacity of a well is defined as the quantity of water that a well will yield in gallons a minute for each foot of drawdown in the well). The specific capacity of the Bryan wells computed from the drawdown at the end of 24 hours of pumping is given in table 4, page 20. A specific capacity of 6.5 gallons a minute per foot of drawdown has been used in all the computations to estimate the drawdown in proposed wells caused by their own pumping.

Drawdown of water levels - Computations show that the water levels in the Bryan well field are essential equilibrium, that the decline in water levels has practically ceased and that practically all of the water is coming from the outcrop. This condition will continue as long as pumping continues at the present rate if recharge is sufficient to maintain the water table in the outcrop at approximately the present level. However each increment of additional pumping will cause additional decline in the water levels. The principal limiting factor restricting the permissible amount of drawdown is the position of the top of the sand. Dewatering with the attending reduction in transmissibility should not be allowed to occur. In the compilation of tables 5 to 9 pages 21 to 25 it has been assumed that the drawdown produced by the pumping of the present wells 1, 2, 3, and 4 has practically ceased, and that in the future these wells will be pumped at the same average rate as in the past. Well 5 is considered as a new well, and table 5 page 21 gives the estimated drawdown of water levels that will be caused in the different wells by pumping well 5 continuously at the average rate of 600 gallons a minute. Computations show that the drawdown will be very little greater in the wells at the end of 5 years than it is at the end of 3 months, being in well 1 for example, between 27 and 37 at the end of 5 years as compared with 24 to 33 feet at the end of 3 months. The estimated pumping levels in the different wells at the end of the different periods given in the table are the pumping levels recorded during the pumping tests of June 14 to July 8 plus the computed drawdown caused by pumping well 5. The figures show that the pumping level at the end of three months would be very close to the top of the pump bowls in wells 2 and 3, (for depth to top of pump bowls see table 11, page 28), but that there would remain a large

margin of safety in the well before dewatering of the aquifer begins. The margin of safety in the other wells would be considerably greater.

Tables 6 to 9, pages 22 to 25, give compilations of the estimated drawdowns that will occur at the end of the periods shown assuming an additional well pumping at the rate of 600 gallons a minute, at any one of four different locations, "A", "B", "C", and "D", as described in the heading of each table and shown in figure 8. The pumpage from this additional well in combination with that from well 5 would amount to about 1.73 million gallons a day or slightly over the total average amount pumped daily for the first six months of 1944. The total pumpage from all six wells would amount to about 3.36 million gallons a day which probably represents the maximum demand expected by the city for some time. By comparing tables 6 and 7 it can be seen that the total computed drawdown in the existing wells caused by proposed well 6 at site "A", 2,000 feet north of center well 2 is from 16 to 25 feet more than the computed drawdown caused by the well at location B, 6,100 feet southwest of well 2. In each case the assumed site is about 2,000 feet beyond the existing pipe line.

By comparing the drawdown given in tables 8 and 9 with those in table 7, it can be seen that by placing the proposed well 6 at sites C and D, 7,100 and 8,100 feet from well 2, the total saving in head at the end of five years is approximately 10 feet, and 15 to 20 feet, respectively.

Quality of water

In the test well drilled to determine the quality of water contained in the Sparta, Queen City and Carrizo formations the samples were obtained by setting screens opposite the sands to be tested and pumping until there

was obtained a representative sample of the water contained in the sand.

Comparison of the analyses (table 10, page 26) of the samples obtained between 462 and 543 feet (Sparta); 648 and 688 feet (Queen City) and between 1,665 and 1,687 feet (Wilcox) indicates that the water from the Sparta formation is of the most acceptable quality and is the only water tested that meets the U. S. Public Health Standards.

According to the analyses the water from wells 1, 2, 3 and 5 is of similar chemical character while that from well 4 is more highly mineralized containing total dissolved solids—approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the total solids in any of the other wells. Since number 4 is the only well screened in the upper sand member of the Sparta formation and because there is no data available that indicates a changing quality of water in the middle sand member in the direction of well 4, it is assumed that the water of higher mineralization is derived from the upper sand. The analysis of a sample of water from well 5 is very similar to analyses of these from wells 1, 2 and 3, although well 5 is screened in a lower zone, from 538 to 576 feet, in addition to the middle sand. It is believed the transmission capacity of this lower zone is small and it would appear that either very little water is obtained from this lower section or that it contains water very similar to that contained in the middle sand.

Summary and conclusions

In the vicinity of the present well field the Sparta sand is the only sand that contains water of suitable quality for municipal use, and it is believed that to obtain water of comparable quality from either the Queen City sand or Carrizo sand development must take place several miles up the dip to the northwest of the present well field.

Computations indicate that essential equilibrium is attained and that the drawdown resulting from the pumping practically ceases at the end of 5 years. Therefore, it is believed that the decline in the water levels in the well field due to the pumping that has been done thus far has practically stopped. New increments of withdrawals will cause additional decline. Extension of the well field at either end of the line through well 2 to 4, however, will result in less drawdown than if the wells are placed an equal distance northwest or southeast of the center of the present field.

It is computed (table 5) that the pumping levels in wells 2 and 3 will be near the top of the pump bowls after three months continuous pumping of well 5 at the rate of 600 gallons a minute in addition to withdrawals from wells 1 to 4 at the present rate. If a new well (6) is added at side A (table 6) and pumped continuously at the rate of 600 gallons a minute, making the over all pumpage of 3.36 million gallons a day, the pumping levels will be lower than the pump bowls in wells 1, 2, and 3 at the end of 3 months. The relation of the pumping levels in tables 7, 8 and 9 to the pump settings can be obtained by comparing the above tables with the pump settings in table 2.

It is estimated (see tables 5 to 9) that well 5 and a sixth well at any one of the sites A, B, C, or D, can be pumped continuously at the rate of 600 gallons a minute each and there will still remain a large margin of safety at the end of 5 years, approximately 100 feet before dewatering of the aquifer begins. (If trouble with sand results from pumping the new well at the rate of 600 gallons a minute, the rate of pumping must be reduced). This additional 1.73 million gallons a day together with the present yield of about 1.63 million gallons a day from wells 1, 2, 3, and 4 will probably be sufficient to meet the expected increased demand for several years. It is recommended that the new well be spaced not less than 1,000 feet from the nearest existing well.

From the data available it appears possible that the decline in yield of the present wells may be due to inadequate pumping equipment and it is believed this should be checked. More pump bowls or more power may be needed.

It is recommended that the policy of electrical logging in all new wells be continued and in addition that the basal section of the Sparta be cored in well 6, (the equivalent of the section penetrated from 542 to 576 feet in well 5), and the permeability of the core determined. This will indicate the advisability of screening and developing the basal section, since there is considerable doubt as to the ability of this zone to transmit water.

The Texas Board of Water Engineers and the U. S. Geological Survey will be glad to assist, in any way possible, any future development.

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TABLE 2

Water levels in Bryan City wells, Bryan, Texas

Date of measurement	Water level (feet below land surface)					Remarks
	Well 1	Well 2	Well 3	Well 4	Well 5	
July 30, 1938	66 <u>1/</u>					
May 4, 1939		106 <u>1/</u>				Shut down 10 minutes.
May 15, 1939			94 <u>1/</u>			
July 14, 1939				88 <u>1/</u>		
Dec. 11, 1940		165 <u>1/</u>	190 <u>1/</u>			Shut down 10 minutes.
Apr. 7, 1941	119 <u>1/</u>					Shut down. Three wells pumping.
Oct. --, 1942				128 <u>1/</u>		
Aug. 21, 1943				125 <u>1/</u>		Shut down 10 minutes.
June 14, 1944			152.97			Shut down 3 days. Wells 1, 2 and 3 pumping.
June 18, 1944				115.73		Shut down 4 (+) days. Wells 1, 2 and 3 pumping.
June 23, 1944		168.56				Shut down 6 days. Wells 3 and 4 pumping.
June 24, 1944	137.28			114.57		Well 1 shut down 7 days, well 5 shut down 5 days, wells 2, 3 and 4 pumping.
June 30, 1944	143.09					Shut down 3 days. Wells 4 and 5 pumping.
July 2, 1944		166.70	162.15			Shut down 5 days. Wells 1, 4 and 5 pumping.
July 8, 1944			173.05			Shut down 19 hours. Wells 1, 2 and 4 pumping.

1/ Water level reported by Layne-Texas or City of Bryan.

TABLE 3

Coefficients of transmissibility and storage as determined from interference and recovery tests on Bryan City wells at Bryan, Texas

Date of test	Pumping change	Observation well	Coefficient of transmissibility	Coefficient of storage	Sand thickness	Coefficient of permeability ^{a/}
June 21 to June 23, 1944	No. 5 off	No. 1	10,950	0.000275	69	158
June 23 to June 24, 1944	No. 2 on	No. 1	14,470	0.000221	69	210
June 21 to June 23, 1944	No. 5 off	No. 2	14,690	0.000229	35	173
June 30 to July 2, 1944	No. 1 on	No. 2	14,310	0.000246	85	168
July 2 to July 4, 1944	No. 2 on	No. 3	10,990	0.000151	72	153
June 15 to June 16, 1944	No. 4 off	No. 4	11,340		99	196
June 21 to June 24	No. 5 off	No. 5	9,330		116	80
Averages			12,370	0.000224	88	163
Average of three highest transmissibility coefficients			14,490			
Average of four lower transmissibility coefficients			10,780			
^{a/} Not corrected for temperature.						

TABLE 4

Specific capacities of the Bryan City wells after 24-hours pumping

Date	Well	Rate of pumping (g.p.m.)	Pumping level (feet below measuring point)	Drawdown of water level after 24 hours pumping (ft.)	Specific capacity (gallons a minute per foot of draw-down)
June 27 to June 28, 1944	1	261	219	70.5	3.7 <u>1/</u>
June 30 to July 1, 1944	1	261	214.8	72.9	3.6
June 17 to June 18, 1944	2	315	231	60.0	5.2 <u>1/</u>
June 23 to June 24, 1944	2	315	231.7	64.0	4.9
June 27 to June 28, 1944	2	320	234.7	61.6	5.2
July 5, to July 6, 1944	3	346	258.5	82.3	4.2
June 14 to June 15, 1944	4	424	223.2	70.2	6.0
June 15 to June 16, 1944	4	424	223	68.8	6.2 <u>1/</u>
June 18 to June 19, 1944	5	582	205.8	90.1	6.5
June 21 to June 22, 1944	5	582	208.3	88.1	6.6 <u>1/</u>

1/ Specific capacity determined from 24-hours recovery of water levels.

TABLE 5

Theoretical drawdown at the end of the periods shown caused by pumping well 5 continuously at the rate of 600 gallons a minute

	<u>Well 1</u>		<u>Well 2</u>		<u>Well 3</u>		<u>Well 4</u>		<u>Well 5</u>	
	Min.	Max.								
<u>Three months</u>										
Estimated drawdown (ft.)	24	33	19	26	15	21	12	17	112	118
Estimated pumping levels below pump base (ft.)	239	248	249	256	275	281	235	240	227	233
Height of water level above top of sand (ft.)	219	210	189	182	142	136	159	154	191	185
<u>One Year</u>										
Estimated drawdown (ft.)	26	36	21	28	17	23	14	19	114	121
Estimated pumping levels below pump base (ft.)	241	251	251	258	277	283	237	242	229	236
Height of water level above top of sand (ft.)	217	207	187	180	140	134	157	152	189	182
<u>Five Years</u>										
Estimated drawdown (ft.)	27	37	22	29	18	24	15	20	115	122
Estimated pumping levels below pump base (ft.)	242	252	252	259	278	284	238	243	230	237
Height of water level above top of sand (ft.)	216	206	186	179	139	133	156	151	188	181

TABLE 7

Estimated drawdown at end of periods shown caused by pumping well 5 and proposed well 6 continuously at the rate of 600 gallons a minute each. Well 6 assumed to be at site B (see fig. 8), 6,100 feet southwest of well 2, and in line with 2, 3 and 4.

	<u>Well 1</u>		<u>Well 2</u>		<u>Well 3</u>		<u>Well 4</u>		<u>Well 5</u>		<u>Proposed Well 6</u>	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.								
<u>Three Months</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to well 6 (ft.)	21	28	17	22	13	18	11	15	27	36	112	118
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and well 6 (ft.)	260	276	266	278	288	299	246	255	254	269	139 ^{1/}	154 ^{1/}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	198	182	172	180	129	118	148	139	164	149		
<u>One Year</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	23	32	19	25	15	21	13	18	29	39	114	121
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	264	283	270	283	292	304	250	260	258	275	143 ^{1/}	160 ^{1/}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	194	175	168	155	125	113	144	134	160	143		
<u>Five Years</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	24	33	19	26	16	22	14	19	29	40	115	122
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	266	285	271	285	294	306	252	262	259	277	144 ^{1/}	162 ^{1/}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	192	173	167	153	123	111	142	132	159	141		

^{1/} Drawdown only.

TABLE 8

Estimated drawdown at end of periods shown caused by pumping well 5 and proposed well 6 continuously at the rate of 600 gallons a minute each. Well 6 assumed to be at site C (see fig. 8), 7,100 feet southwest of well 2 and in line with 2, 3 and 4.

	Well 1		Well 2		Well 3		Well 4		Well 5		Proposed Well 6	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.								
<u>Three Months</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	19	26	15	21	12	17	10	14	23	31	112	113
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	253	274	264	277	287	298	245	254	250	264	135 ^{1/2}	149 ^{1/2}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	200	184	174	161	130	119	149	140	168	154		
<u>One Year</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	21	29	17	23	14	20	12	17	25	34	114	121
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	262	280	268	231	291	303	249	259	254	270	139 ^{1/2}	154 ^{1/2}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	196	178	170	157	126	114	145	135	164	148		
<u>Five Years</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	22	30	18	24	15	21	13	18	26	35	115	122
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	264	282	270	283	293	305	251	261	256	272	141 ^{1/2}	157 ^{1/2}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	194	176	168	155	124	112	143	133	162	146		

^{1/2} Drawdown only.

TABLE 9

Estimated drawdown at the end of periods shown caused by pumping well 5 and proposed well 6 continuously at the rate of 600 gallons a minute each. Well 6 assumed to be at site D (see fig. 8), 8,100 feet southwest of well 2 and in line with 2, 3 and 4.

	<u>Well 1</u>		<u>Well 2</u>		<u>Well 3</u>		<u>Well 4</u>		<u>Well 5</u>		<u>Proposed Well 6</u>	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.								
<u>Three Months</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	17	23	14	19	11	16	10	13	20	23	112	118
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	256	271	263	275	286	297	245	253	247	255	132 ^{1/2}	146 ^{1/2}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	202	187	175	163	131	120	150	141	171	163		
<u>One Year</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	19	26	16	22	13	18	11	16	22	31	114	121
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	260	277	265	277	290	301	248	258	251	267	136 ^{1/2}	152 ^{1/2}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	193	181	173	161	127	116	146	136	167	151		
<u>Five Years</u>												
Estimated drawdown due to Well 6 (ft.)	20	27	17	22	14	19	12	16	23	32	115	122
Estimated pumping levels below pump base due to all wells and Well 6 (ft.)	262	279	269	281	292	303	250	259	253	269	138 ^{1/2}	153 ^{1/2}
Height of pumping levels above top of sand (ft.)	195	179	169	157	125	114	144	135	165	149		
^{1/2} Drawdown only												

TABLE 10

Partial analyses of water from Bryan City wells in Bryan, Texas

Analyzed at the University of Texas under the direction of E. W. Lohr and W. W. Hastings, chemists, U. S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, and Dr. E. P. Schoch, Director of the Bureau of Industrial Chemistry. Results are in parts per million. Well numbers correspond to numbers in table of well records.

Well	Owner	Depth of well (ft.)	Date of collection	Total dissolved solids	Silica (SiO ₂)	Iron (Fe)	Calcium (Ca)	Magnesium (Mg)	Sodium and Potassium (Na+K) (calc.)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Fluoride (F)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Total hardness as CaCO ₃ (calc.)	pH
1	City of Bryan	a/462-542	May 13, 1938	180			5.0	1.7	67	150	10	18	0.3	0.1	19	
	do.	a/462-543	b/July 21, 1938	153			4+			136	5+	17	0.2	0		
	do.	a/462-543	c/July 30, 1938	149			4+			134	5+	16				
	do.	569	Nov. 11, 1942	177	18	0.05	1.0	0.2	67	148	5.3	16	0.1	0	3	8.2
	do.	648-688	May ? 1938	1,151			4.8	2.1	485	1,038	6.9	72	1.6	1.0	21	
	do.	a/1,665-1,887	d/July 5, 1938	3,093		.12	5.8	1.9	1,274	1,664	1.0	885	3.2		22	
2	do.	532	Nov. 10, 1942	184	18	0.04	2.0	0.3	67	156	5.7	12	0.2	0	6	8.2
3	do.	498	do.	188	16	0.05	1.5	0.2	71	163	2.4	16	0.2	0	4	8.2
4	do.	677	e/Oct. 10, 1942	474	15	0.25	2.1	0.5	192	436	1.6	45	0.3	0.2	7	8.2
5	do.	584	Aug. 23, 1943	184	19	0.10	1.7	0.2	69	159	1.5	16	0	0	5	8.1

a/ Sample obtained between depths shown.

b/ Sample collected after 24 to 48 hours pumping.

c/ Sample collected after 24.5 hours pumping.

d/ Sample collected after 47½ hours pumping.

e/ Sample collected after pumping 15 minutes at 250 gallons per minute.

TABLE 11

Records of the Bryan City wells, Bryan, Texas^{1/}

Owner's No.	Date completed	Approximate altitude (ft.)	Depth of well (ft.)	Diameter of well (in.)	S A N D		Depth to top of screen (ft.)	Length of screen (ft.)	Height of measuring point above ground (ft.)
					Depth to top of bed (ft.)	Thickness (ft.)			
1	July 30, 1938	310	1,768	8-5/8	458	10	462	13	—
					480	59	494	50	—
									2.0
2	May —, 1939	333	523	16	438	85	435	88	—
									—
									2.3
3	May 23, 1939	335	498	16	417	72	422	70	—
									—
									1.6
4	July 14, 1939	331	677	16	394	31	391	31	—
					529	68	549	51	—
									1.4
5	Aug. 28, 1943	301	584	16	418	78	430	55	—
					538	38	534	39	1.8

^{1/} All wells drilled by Layne-Texas Company

TABLE 11

WATER LEVEL		Length of airline (ft.)	Motor h.p.	P U M P			Remarks
Below measuring point (ft.)	Date of measurement			Depth to top of pump bowls (ft.)	Bowl size (in.)	Number of stages	
66 2/	July 30, 1938	260	30	260	—	—	Casing: 459 feet of 8-5/8 inch, 125 feet of 6-5/8 inch with 17-foot lap into 8-5/8 inch. Temperature 80° F.
119 2/	April 7, 1941						
137.28	June 24, 1944						
143.09	June 30, 1944						
106 2/	May 4, 1939	260	50	260	12	9	Casing: 435 feet of 16-inch; 191 feet of 8-5/8 inch with 103-foot lap into 16-inch. Underreamed to 30-inch diameter and gravel from 435 to 523 feet.
165 2/	Dec. 11, 1940						
168.56	June 23, 1944						
166 70	July 2, 1944						
94 2/	May 15, 1939	280	50	280	12	10	Casing: 416 feet of 16-inch, 178 feet of 8-5/8 inch with lap of 102 feet into 16 inch. Underreamed to 36-inch diameter and gravel from 416 to 497 feet. Temperature 80° F.
190 2/	Dec. 11, 1940						
162.15	July 2, 1944						
173.05	July 8, 1944						
88 2/	July 14, 1939	290	50	290	12	10	Casing: 581 feet of 16-inch 329 feet of 8-5/8 inch with 110 foot lap into 16 inch. Underreamed to 36 inch diameter and gravel 290 to 605 feet. Temperature 80.5° F.
128 2/	Oct. 15, 1942						
152.97	June 14, 1944						
125 2/	Aug. 21, 1943	270	60	270	12	11	Casing: 424 feet of 16-inch 267 feet of 8-5/8 inch with 111-foot lap into 16 inch. Underreamed to 36-inch diameter and gravel from 424 to 582 feet. Temperature 80.5° F.
115.73	June 18, 1944						
114.57	June 24, 1944						

2/ Water level reported by driller or city.

Table of drillers' logs, Bryan City wells,
Bryan, Texas

Well 1			Well 1 -- Continued		
	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Clay	13	13	Rock	1	621
Sand	10	23	Brown shale, shell, lignite and pyrite	23	644
Rock	1	24	Sand with shale breaks	40	684
Gray shale	27	51	Shale, shell and lignite	36	720
Brown shale	27	78	Rock	1	721
Sand	3	81	Shale and shell	9	730
Brown shale	2	83	Sandy shale and lignite	28	758
Sand	5	88	Shale	3	761
Brown shale	10	98	Sandy shale, layers of sand, lignite and glauconite	23	784
Fine-grained green sand	13	111	Sand, sandy shale and streaks of shale and shell	42	826
Brown shale	17	128	Shale, shell and lignite	21	847
Rock	1	129	Fine-grained sand	7	854
Light gray shale and layers of shell	125	254	Hard brown shale and lignite	32	886
Rock	1	255	Brown shale, shell and layers of sand	28	914
Gray shale, boulders and layers of shell	26	281	Brown shale and shell	12	926
Sand and layers of shale	12	293	Rock	1	927
Gray shale and shell	27	320	Muddy sand and streaks of brown shale	58	985
Gray shale and layers of sand	13	333	Rock	2	987
Sandy shale	20	353	Brown shale, shell and lignite	41	1028
Gray shale and streaks of sand	27	380	Brown sandy shale, lignite and shell	22	1050
Hard brown sandy shale with streaks of sand and lignite	33	413	Rock	1	1051
Sand with streaks of brown shale and lignite	23	436	Hard brown shale, shell and lignite	5	1056
Sandy shale, lignite, shell and layers of sand	19	455	Hard brown and gray shale, shell and lignite	84	1140
Hard shale	3	458	Hard shale, shell and layers of limerock	34	1174
Hard sand rock	10	468	Rock	4	1178
Sand and layers of shale	12	480	Shale	2	1180
Sand	59	539	Rock	1	1181
Brown shale and shell	10	549	Hard shale	39	1220
Brown shale, shell and lignite	14	563	Hard packed sand	7	1227
Sand	5	568	Shale	4	1231
Brown and green shale, shell and lignite	52	620	Hard packed sand, layers of rock, shell and shale	15	1246

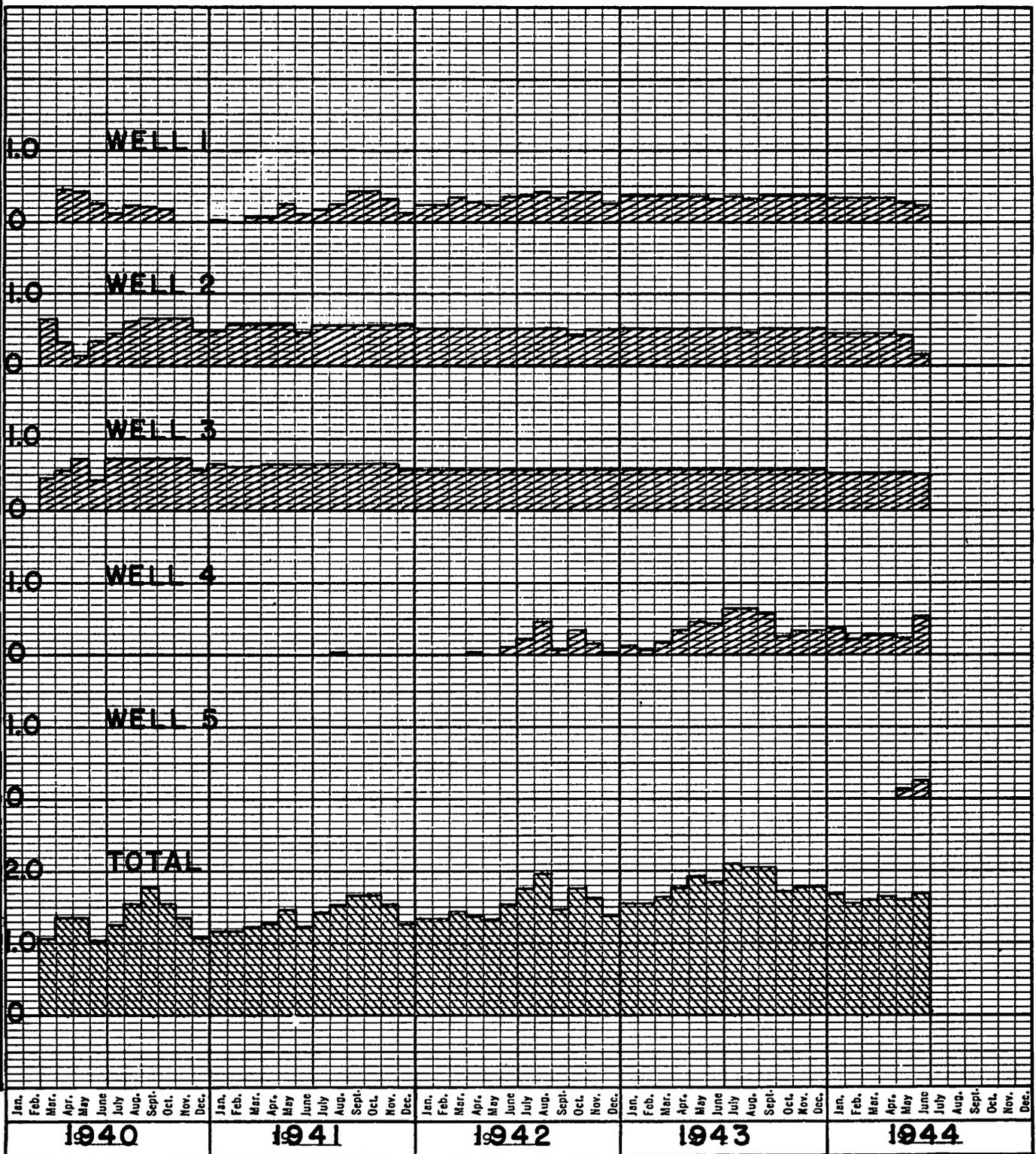
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Table of drillers' logs, Bryan city wells—Continued

		Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)			Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)	
<u>Well 1 — Continued</u>				<u>Well 2 — Continued</u>				
Rock, shale, shell and layers of hard rock	21	1267	Rock	1	208			
Shale	9	1276	Gray shale, boulders and shell	32	240			
Rock, shale, shell and layers of hard rock and pyrite	15	1291	Rock	1	241			
Brown shale and lignite	53	1344	Gray shale, boulders and shell	54	295			
Sandy shale	80	1424	Rock	1	296			
Shale and streaks of sandy shale	10	1434	Sand and shale	11	307			
Muddy sand with layers of shale	32	1466	Sand and shell	30	337			
Sand and layers of shale	14	1480	Sand and shale	25	362			
Sandy shale	5	1485	Fine-grained sand	30	392			
Sand (cored)	9	1494	Shale, lignite and sand	46	438			
Sand, shale, lignite and mica	31	1525	Sand and shale	85	523			
Brown and gray shale and lignite	31	1556	<u>Well 3</u>					
Sand rock	2	1558	Clay	28	28			
Hard brown and green shale and lignite	20	1578	Red and white clay	47	75			
Hard brown and green shale, lignite and streaks of sandy shale	48	1626	Rock	1	76			
Sandy shale and lignite	26	1652	Sandy shale	28	104			
Muddy sand	49	1701	Sand	12	116			
Sand rock	3	1704	Rock	1	117			
Hard packsand	2	1706	Hard, green sand	24	141			
Rock	3	1709	Gray shale	44	185			
Fine-grained hard packsand	42	1751	Rock	2	187			
Shale, sandy shale, lignite and shell	16	1767	Shale and rock layers	3	190			
Rock	1	1768	Rock	1	191			
			Gray shale	32	223			
			Shale and shell	24	247			
			Shale, shell and boulders	23	270			
			Rock	1	271			
			Shale, shell and boulders	24	295			
			Sand and shale layers	19	314			
			Shale and shell	28	342			
			Shale and sand	31	373			
			Shale and sand layers	20	393			
			Shale and sandy shale	24	417			
			Sand	72	489			
			Shale	9	498			
<u>Well 2</u>								
Red and white clay	27	27						
Sandy shale	23	50						
Gray shale	108	158						
Rock	2	160						
Gray shale and shell	47	207						

Table of drillers' logs, Bryan city wells -- Continued

<u>Well 4</u>			<u>Well 5</u>		
	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)		Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Clay	8	8	Black soil	3	3
Yellow clay	24	32	Yellow clay	6	9
Rock	1	33	Sandy clay	8	17
Gray shale	46	79	Blue clay	12	29
Rock	1	80	Shale with sand breaks	60	89
Gray shale	13	93	Rock	1	90
Sand and shale	31	124	Shale and shell layers	28	118
Shale	7	131	Shale	27	145
Sandy shale and shell	16	147	Rock	1	146
Gray shale	35	182	Shale	24	170
Shale	22	204	Hard shale and layers of hard sand	113	283
Shale and boulders	5	209	Hard rock	2	285
Rock	1	210	Hard shale, shell and layers of hard sand	42	327
Shale	10	220	Sand and layers of shale	8	335
Rock	1	221	Sand and layers of shell	25	360
Shale	10	231	Sand and layers of shell and sand	13	373
Rock	1	232	Hard shale and layers of hard sand	19	392
Shale	2	234	Hard sand	10	402
Rock	1	235	Sand and layers of shale and shell	16	418
Gray shale	29	264	Sand	9	427
Shale and boulders	27	291	Sand and layers of shell and lignite	22	449
Rock	1	292	Sand with few shale breaks	16	465
Gray shale	31	323	Hard sand	5	470
Sandy shale	15	338	Sand with few hard streaks	23	493
Gray shale and shells	21	359	Sand with lignite and shale breaks	37	530
Sand with shale breaks.	30	389	Hard shale	5	535
Shale	5	394	Sand with few shale breaks	44	579
Sand (tight)	31	425	Sandy shale	5	584
Shale	25	450			
Sandy shale	69	519			
Sand	5	524			
Shale	5	529			
Sand	68	597			
Brown shale	26	623			
Hard sand	10	633			
Sandy shale	16	649			
Sandy shale (cored)	2	651			
Shale and lime	8	659			
Sand and sandy shale	18	677			



**ESTIMATED DAILY PUMPAGE IN MILLION GALLONS
CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS.**

FIG. I.

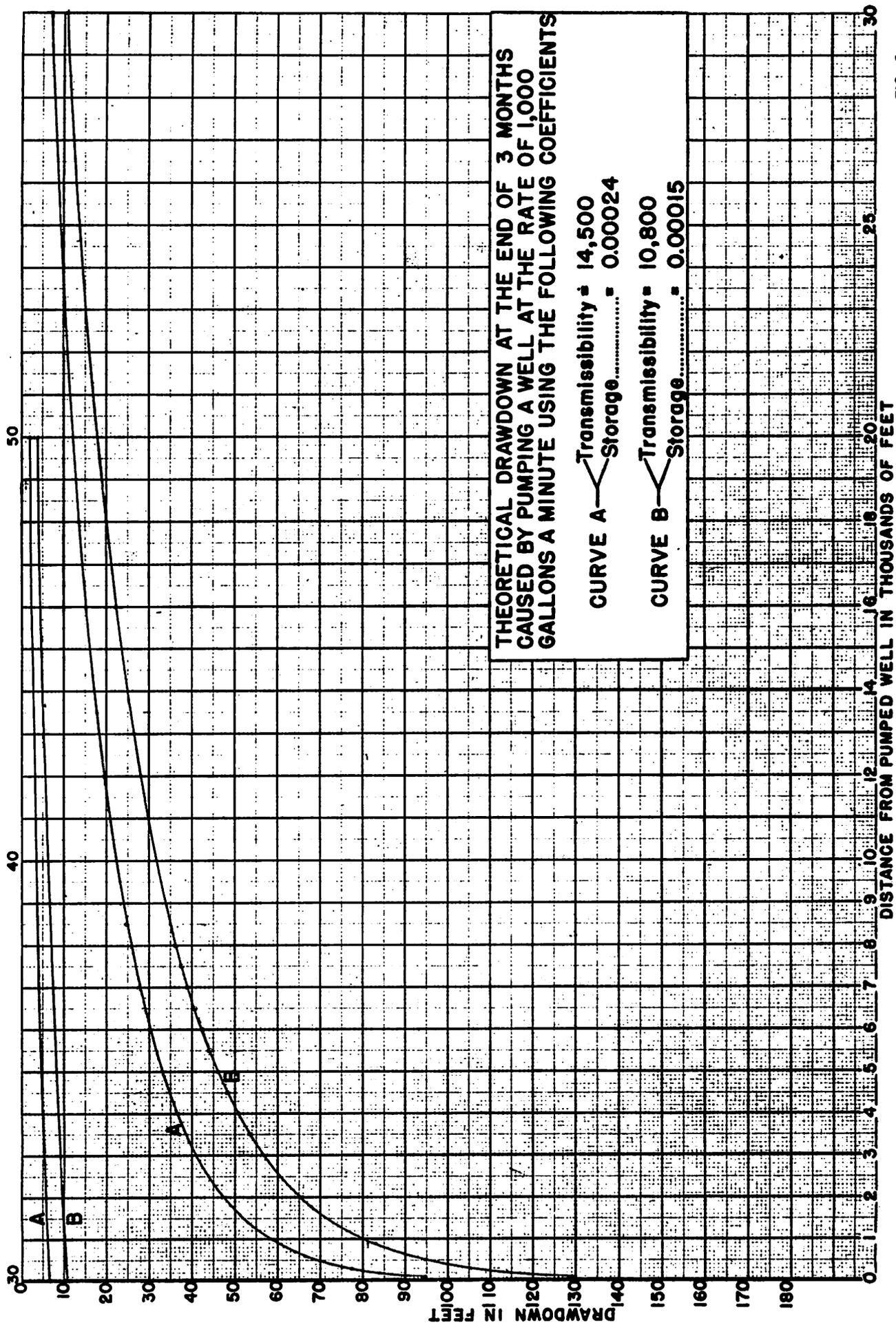


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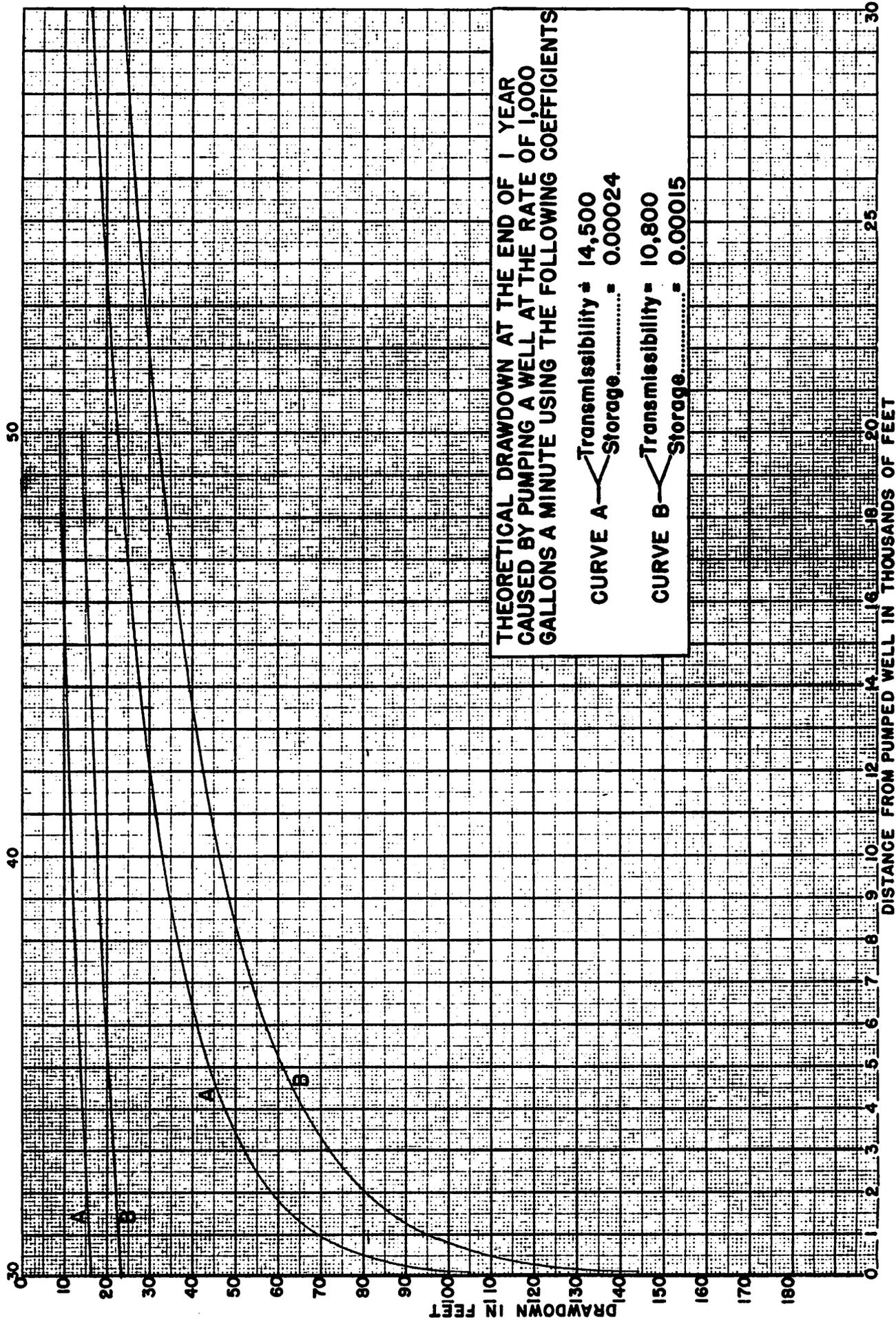


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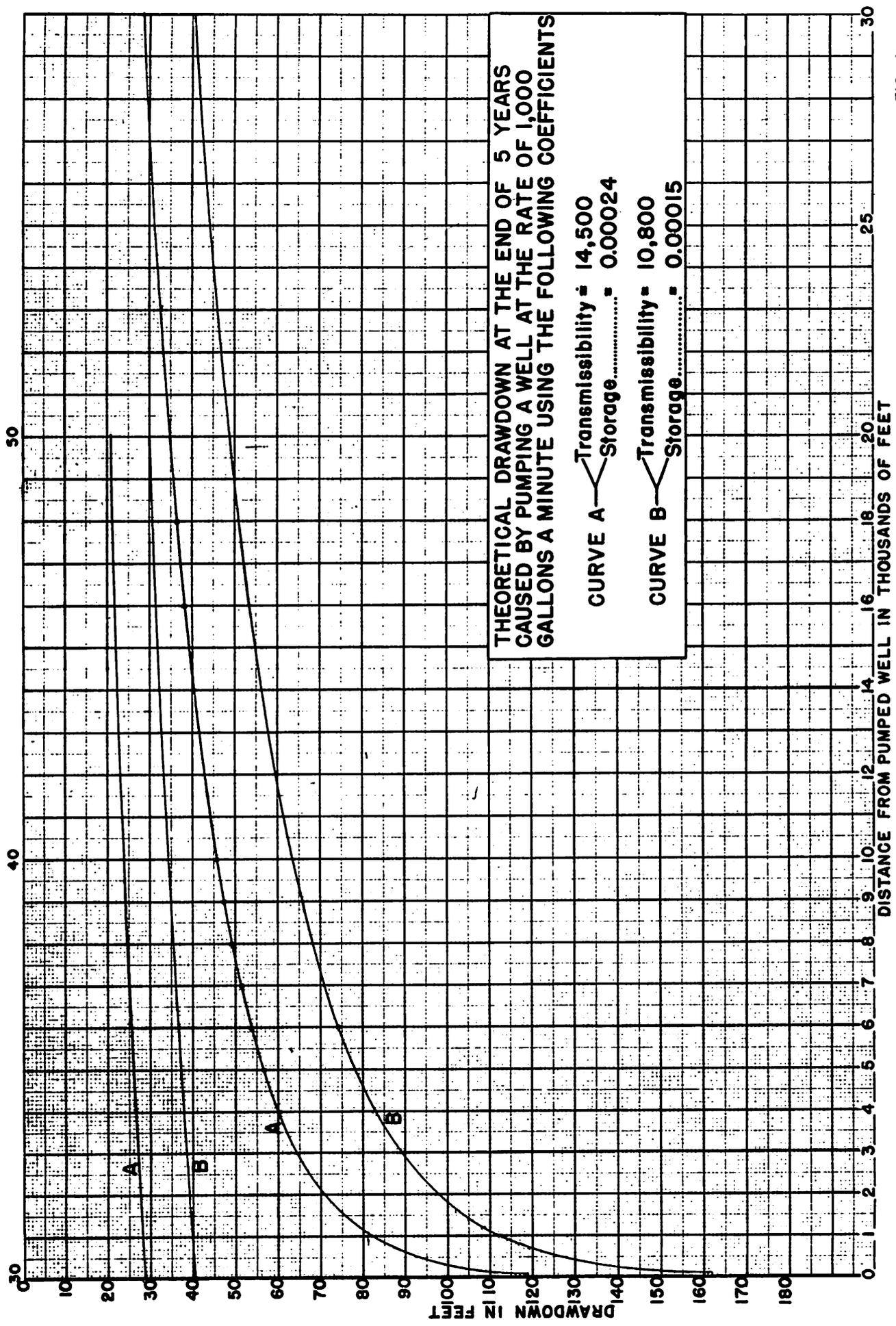


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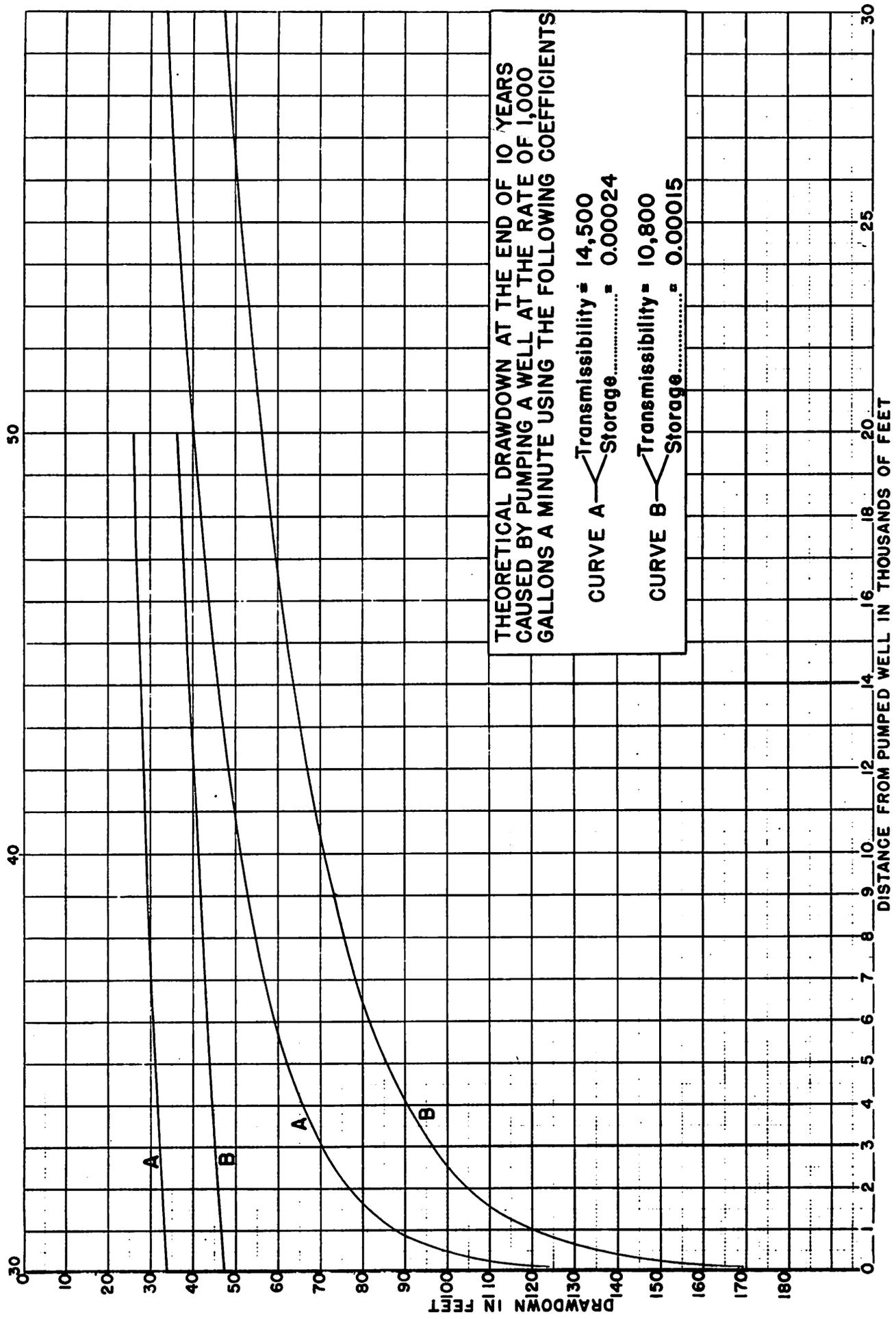
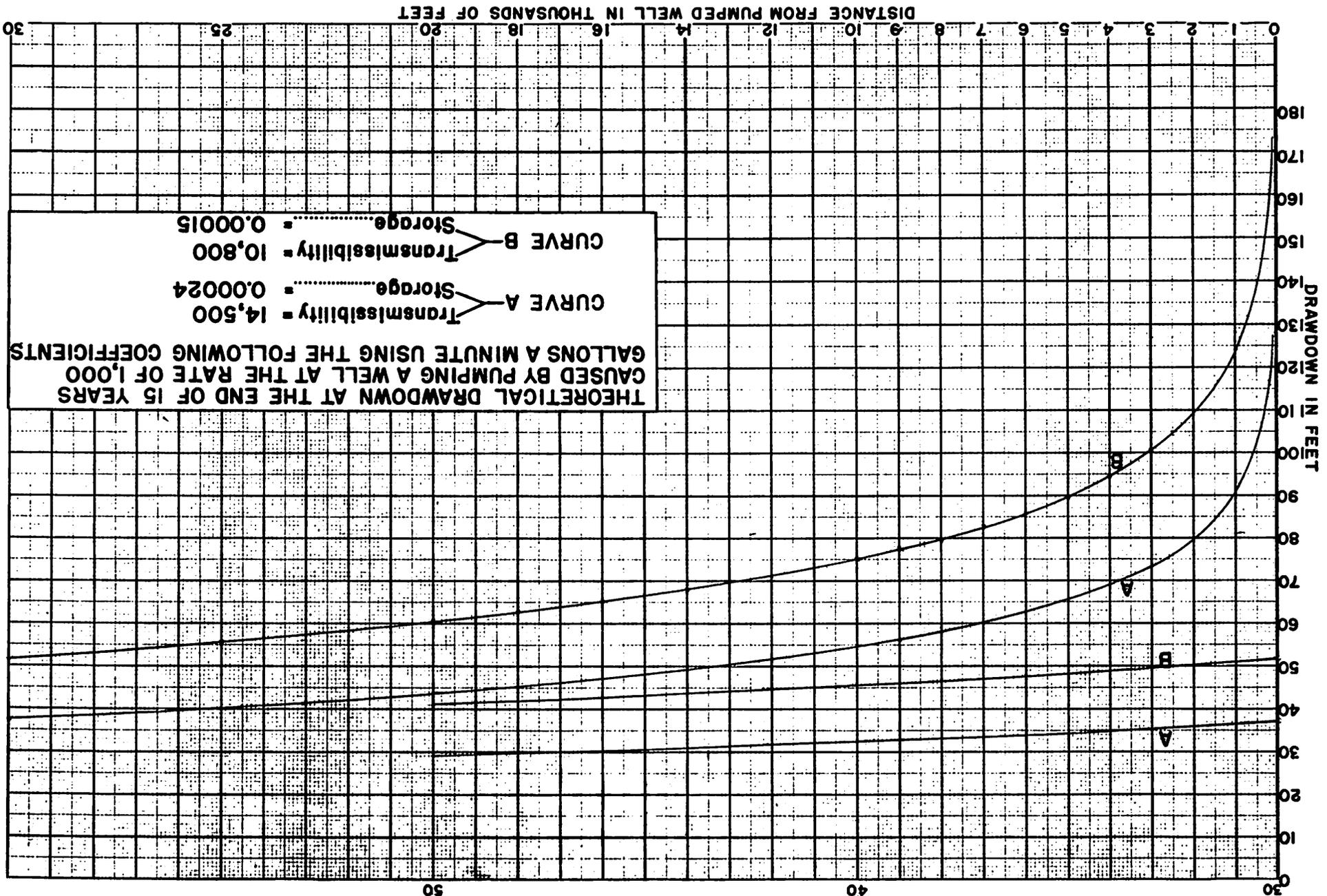


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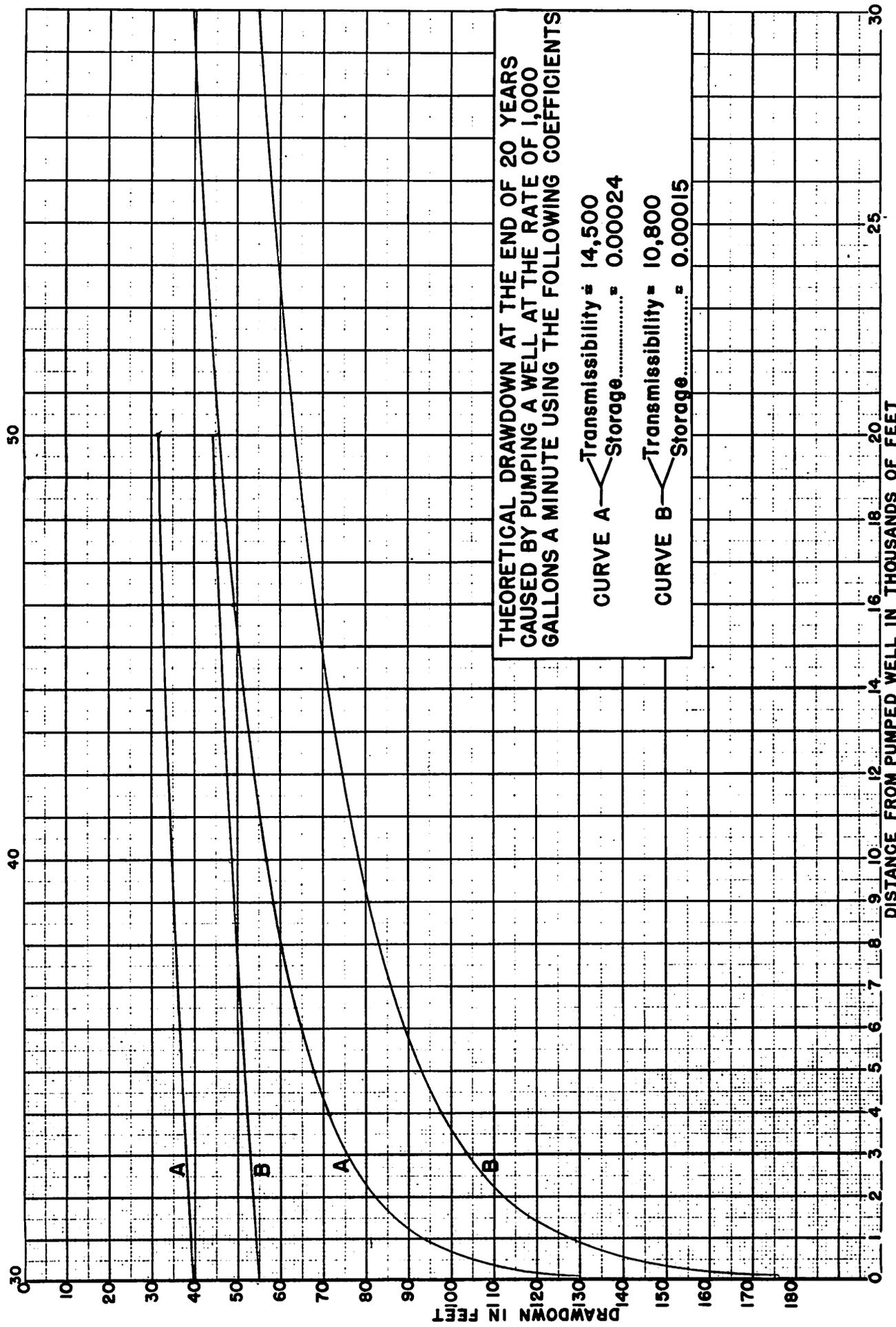


THEORETICAL DRAWDOWN AT THE END OF 15 YEARS
 CAUSED BY PUMPING A WELL AT THE RATE OF 1,000
 GALLONS A MINUTE USING THE FOLLOWING COEFFICIENTS

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 } Storage = 0.00024

CURVE B } Transmissibility = 10,800
 } Storage = 0.00015

FIG. 6.



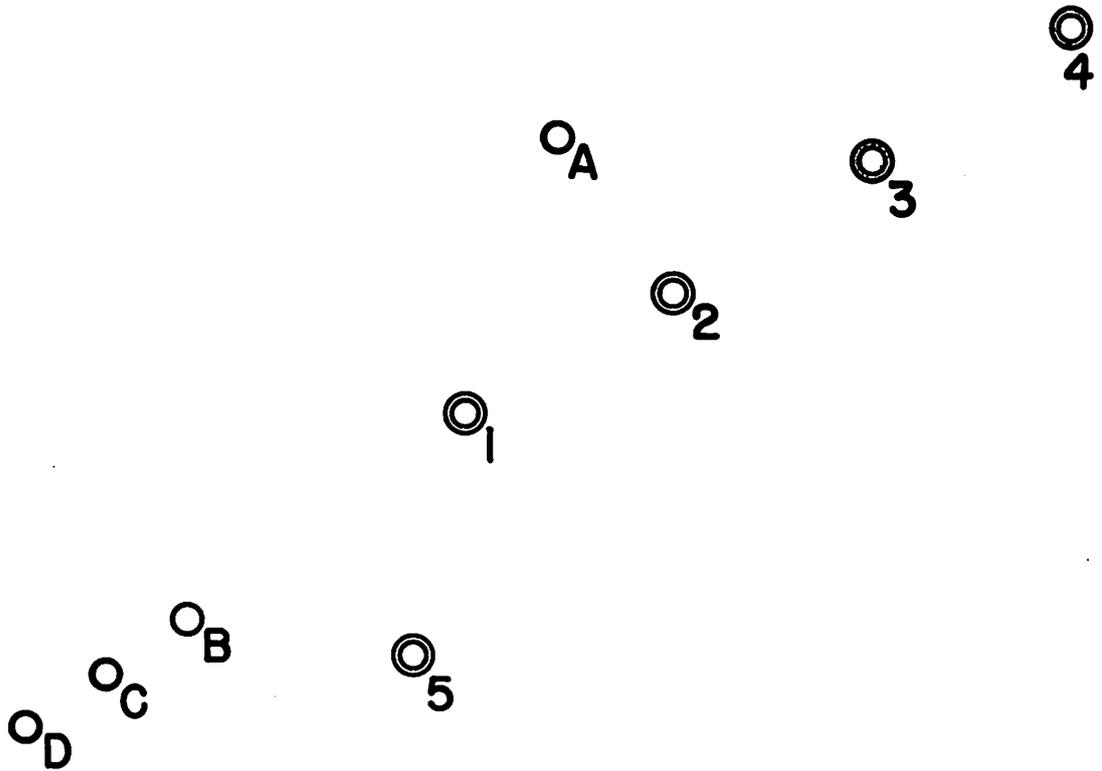
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 CAUSED BY PUMPING A WELL AT THE RATE OF 1,000
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 Storage = 0.00024

CURVE B — Transmissibility = 10,800
 Storage = 0.00015

FIG. 7

SKETCH OF BRYAN CITY WELL FIELD
SHOWING PRESENT WELLS 1 TO 5
AND TENTATIVE LOCATIONS OF
A-B-C-AND D OF PROPOSED WELL 6



⊙ Present wells
○ Proposed well



Fig. 8

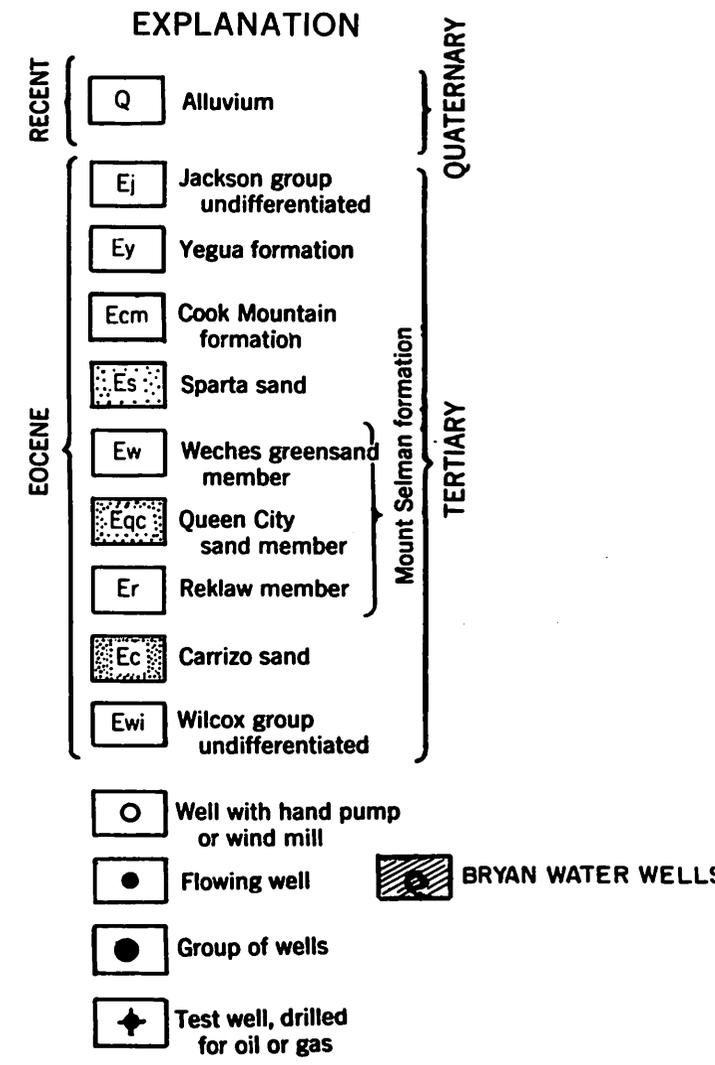
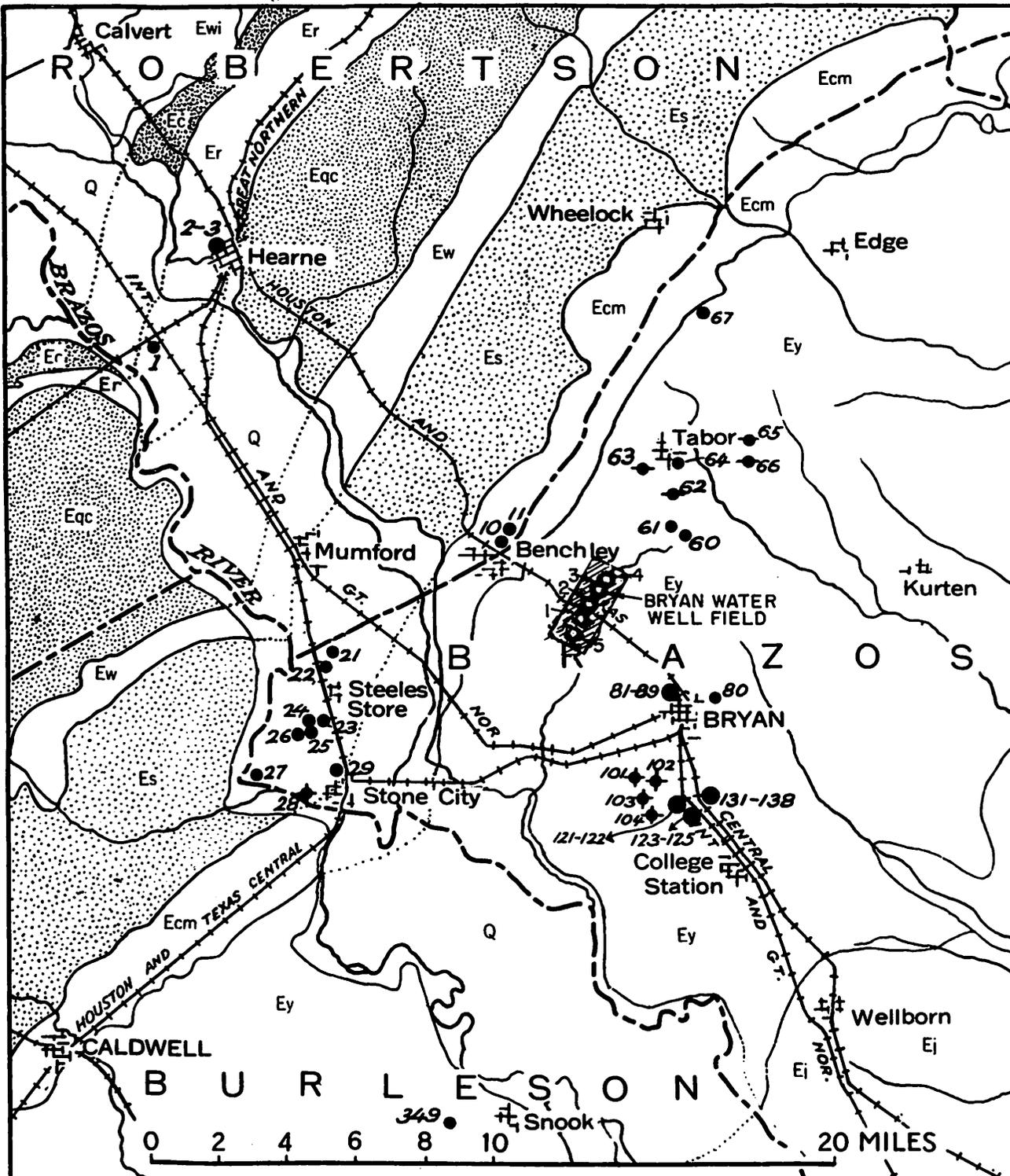
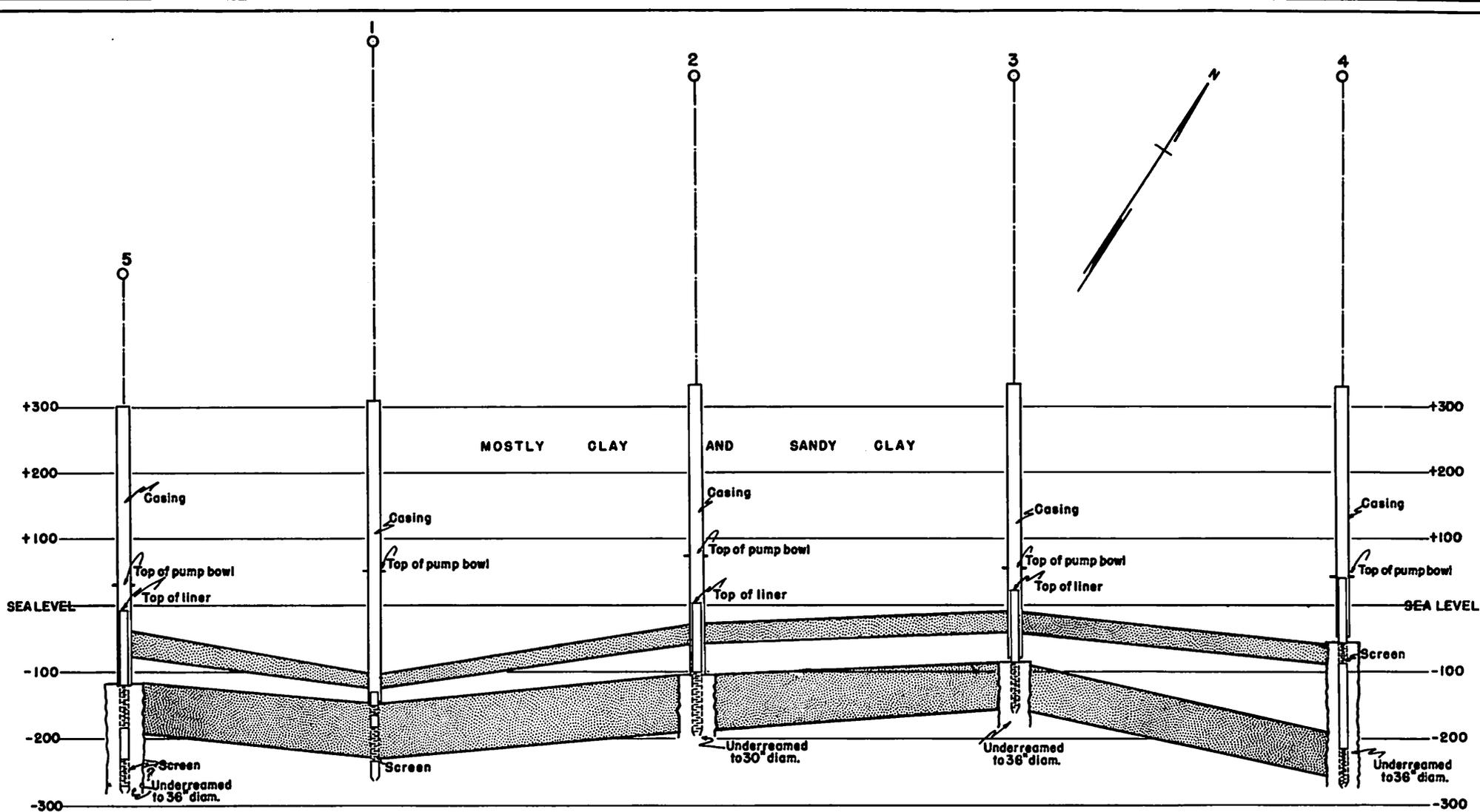


PLATE 1.—MAP OF PART OF BRAZOS, ROBERTSON AND BURLESON COUNTIES, TEXAS, SHOWING OUTCROP AREAS OF GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS AND LOCATION OF WELLS.

Taken from geologic map of Texas, Geological Survey, U. S. Department of Interior, 1937



+300
 +200
 +100
 SEA LEVEL
 -100
 -200
 -300

MOSTLY CLAY AND SANDY CLAY

Casing
 Top of pump bowl
 Top of liner
 Screen
 Underreamed to 36" diam.

Underreamed to 30" diam.
 Underreamed to 36" diam.



-  Sand
-  Clay and Sandy Clay

**CROSS SECTION THROUGH CITY WELL FIELD
 SHOWING DATA ON WELLS
 BRYAN, TEXAS**