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ABSTRACT

Throckmorton County is in the drainage basin of the Brazos River in north-central Texas. Permian rocks of the Wichita and Clear Fork Groups, dipping gently to the northwest, are found at the surface within the county. Alluvial deposits of Quaternary age are found along the major streams in the county.

Small amounts of ground water, used mostly for household needs and watering livestock, are produced in Throckmorton County from the Moran, Putnam, Admiral, Belle Plains, and Leuders Formations of Permian age and from Quaternary alluvial deposits. This water occurs erratically in zones of generally low permeability on or near the outcrop. More than 87 percent of the wells are completed in the Lueders Formation and Quaternary alluvial deposits.

Water quality in the county varies widely. Although a general range in the native quality of water is apparent, water from some wells contains high concentrations of sodium, calcium, and chloride which do not fall within this general range. This water is from apparently or possibly contaminated wells. Several wells produce water high in nitrate content, indicating the possibility of contamination by sewage or animal wastes.

Methods of disposal of oil-field brines are the probable cause of some of the poorer water quality in Throckmorton County, Disposal of brine is also responsible for extensive soil damage and vegetative kill in some areas of the county. In 1961, 10,664,726 barrels of salt water was reported produced with oil and gas in the county. Of this amount, over 95 percent was reported returned to the subsurface through injection and disposal wells, 4 percent was reported placed into surface pits, and less than 1 percent was reported disposed of by other methods. In 1967, 6,396,766 barrels of salt water was produced with oil and gas in the county. Of this amount, 98.6 percent was injected into the subsurface, 0.2 percent was disposed in unlined surface pits, and 1.2 percent was disposed of by other methods.



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INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

This investigation is one of several ground-water studies that are currently being conducted by the staff of the Texas Water Development Board in a block of 18 counties in north-central Texas to meet a growing need for more detailed and accurate ground-water information in this area. The Board recognizes the significance of ground water in this region and is aware of the vital need for obtaining detailed and accurate information on the depth of occurrence of usable-quality water as the basis for providing adequate and equitable protection for those water supplies. Several towns with municipal water supplies in north-central Texas are served by ground water or have water wells as a standby supply. In addition to meeting municipal needs for water in the area, ground water is often the sole source supplying domestic, farm, and ranch needs. Reports from the results of the investigations in Archer, Brown, Coleman, Montague, Shackelford, Stephens, and Young Counties have been published by the Board (See references at end of text), and reports on each of the remaining counties will be prepared and published as field studies are completed.

This report provides information on the location and extent of fresh water-bearing strata and the chemical quality of all ground water used; the surface and shallow subsurface geology as it relates to the depth and occurrence of ground water; the methods and amounts of oil-field brine disposal and the chemical character of brines; and the effects on water quality that may be caused by surface or subsurface disposal of oil-field brines, inadequate surface casing, or improperly plugged wells in the county.

This study was made under the general direction of John J. Vandertulip, former Chief Engineer; Richard C. Peckham, director, Ground Water Division; Bernard B. Baker, assistant director in charge of Availability Programs; and under the direct supervision of Loyd E. Walker, coordinator, West Texas Investigations.

Methods of Investigation

During this investigation 143 water wells and springs were located in Throckmorton County, and for these information was compiled on well depth, depth to water in the wells, geologic formations in which the wells are completed, and methods of well construction.

Surface elevations of wells and springs were established with the aid of U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps. These elevations were used in comparing the depths to water and in determining the geologic formation in which the wells are completed.

Water samples were collected for chemical analysis from 125 of the wells and springs, and these analyses were studied to determine the chemical characteristics of the ground water and, where possible, to locate possible areas of pollution.

Various published geologic maps and numerous electric logs of oil and gas tests were studied and used to interpret the geologic conditions relating to the occurrence of ground water.

Oil-field brine disposal practices were observed in the field and available information on areas and amounts of brine production and methods of brine disposal was studied to identify possible connections with present or potential contamination of ground water.

Data from the water well inventory, chemical analyses of ground water and oil-field brines, and the inventory of salt-water production and disposal for the years 1961 and 1967 conducted by the Railroad Commission of Texas were tabulated. Climatological data that are significant to the occurrence and the use of water in the county were compiled, including precipitation, lake-surface evaporation, and temperature range.

Previous Investigations

Several reports contain information on the geology of north-central Texas, but no detailed study of ground water has been made in Throckmorton County. Rocks in the county have been described and mapped by numerous investigators, although generally without consistent agreement as to formation names and stratigraphic relationships. The surface geology of the county has been mapped by Sellards, Adkins, and Plummer (1932); Hornberger (1937); and Stafford (1960); and remapping is underway by the Bureau of Ecomonic Geology, the University of Texas at Austin, as part of the Abilene and Wichita Falls Sheets of the Geologic Atlas of Texas.

A recent reconnaissance investigation of groundwater resources of the entire Brazos River basin was made by Cronin and others (1963), but the coverage within Throckmorton County was limited, as would be expected in this type of study. Numerous reports relating to the geology of the area are listed in the selected references.

Well-Numbering System

The numbers assigned to wells and springs in this report conform to the statewide well-numbering system used by the Texas Water Development Board. Each well and spring is assigned a number to facilitate record keeping and locating wells within the State. This system is based on division of the State into quadrangles formed by degrees of latitude and longitude, and repeated division of these quadrangles into smaller ones as illustrated on Figure 2.

The largest quadrangle, a 1-degree quadrangle, is divided into sixty-four 71/2-minute quadrangles, each of which is further divided into nine 21/2-minute quadrangles. Each 1-degree quadrangle in the State has been assigned a number for identification. The 71/2-minute guadrangles are numbered consecutively from left to right beginning in the upper left hand corner of the 1-degree quadrangle, and the 21/2-minute quadrangles within each 71/2-minute quadrangle are similarly numbered. The first two digits of a well number identify the 1-degree quadrangle, the third and fourth digits identify the 71/2-minute guadrangle, the fifth digit identifies the 21/2-minute guadrangle, and the last two digits designate the order in which the well was inventoried within the 2½-minute quadrangle. In addition to the 7-digit well number, a 2-letter prefix is used to identify the county. The prefix for Throckmorton County is XZ, and the county lies within the 1-degree guadrangle numbers 20, 21, 30, and 31.

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GEOGRAPHY

Location

Throckmorton County comprises an area of about 913 square miles and lies generally between 98°57' and 99°28' west longitude and 32°57' and 33°23' north latitude in north-central Texas (Figure 1). Throckmorton, the county seat, is near the center of the county about 73 miles southwest of Wichita Falls and 70 miles northeast of Abilene.

Climate

The climate of Throckmorton County is subhumid. The average annual rainfall at Throckmorton was 24.83 inches during the period 1924-66, with a maximum of 55.94 inches in 1941 and a minimum of 10.66 inches in 1956. The rainfall for each year from 1924 through 1966 is shown on Figure 3.

The mean temperature for the month of July is $98^{\circ}F$, and that of January is $29^{\circ}F$. The average annual-mean temperature is about $64^{\circ}F$. The first frost in the fall usually occurs about November 6, and the last in the spring about March 31, leaving an annual growing season of about 220 days.

The average annual gross lake-surface evaporation is 75.5 inches based on records for the 26-year period 1940-65. The average annual net lake-surface evaporation (average annual gross lake-surface evaporation less the average annual effective rainfall) is about 51 inches (Figure 4).



Figure 1.-Location of Throckmorton County



Figure 2.-Well-Numbering System

The average monthly distribution of precipitation and the average monthly distribution of gross and net lake-surface evaporation are shown on Figure 4.

Topography and Drainage

Throckmorton County is in the Osage Plains section of the Central Lowland physiographic province of Texas. The topography is characterized by gently rolling terrain broken by north-south trending escarpments. There is a range in elevation from less than 1,150 to more than 1,750 feet above mean sea level.

Throckmorton County is in the drainage basin of the Brazos River. A topographic divide trends northwest

across the county, passing just south of Throckmorton and crossing the county lines about 10 miles north of the county's southeast corner and about 12 miles south of the northwest corner. Draining the county north of this divide are Millers, Leopard, Boggy, Elm, and Bush Knob Creeks which flow north and east into the Brazos River. Lambs Head, Given, Paint, and Kings Creeks drain the county south of the divide and flow northeast and southeast into the Clear Fork Brazos River.

Throckmorton Reservoir, the municipal water supply for the town of Throckmorton, is on Elm Creek about a mile southwest of the town. The reservoir was constructed in 1918, and was enlarged to a capacity of 1,825 acre-feet in 1940.



(From Records of U.S. Weather Bureau)

The town of Woodson obtains a water supply from a small lake constructed in 1955 on Kings Creek west of town. The capacity of the reservoir is about 1,000 acre-feet.

There are several small lakes (about 500 acre-feet or less) in the county that are used for domestic water supplies.

History, Population, and Economy

Throckmorton County was created from a part of Fannin County in 1858. Only a few ranchers settled along the Clear Fork Brazos River prior to this time because of a continuous danger from hostile indians.

The old California Trail and the Butterfield Overland Stage Line crossed the Clear Fork Brazos River in Throckmorton County. In 1856, a small U.S. Army garrison, Camp Cooper, was established near the river crossing. One of the first commanders of this frontier outpost was Robert E. Lee who later commanded the southern forces in the War Between the States. Troops assigned to Camp Cooper and Fort Griffin in Shackelford County protected early settlers and later guarded the Comanche Indian Reservation located along the Clear Fork Brazos River. Under the protection of these frontier garrisons Throckmorton County was opened for settlement.

Throckmorton County was officially organized in 1879 with Williamsburg (now abandoned) as its county seat. Soon afterward the town of Throckmorton was established and the seat of county government moved there.

According to the census of 1860, the population of Throckmorton County was 124. By the year 1900,



population increased to 1,750. The discovery of oil in 1924 and subsequent exploration brought the population to an all-time high of 5,253 in 1930. Since that time, the population has declined, and in 1967 the county had an estimated 2,735 people with 1,226 of them residing in the town of Throckmorton.

The economy of the county depends primarily on agriculture and the production of oil and gas. Most of the agricultural income is from the production of beef cattle. The farming consists largely of raising small grains, cotton, and hay, primarily in the eastern part of the county.

The major industry of Throckmorton County is the production of oil and gas. There has been a continuous development since the first discovery in 1924. According to Texas Railroad Commission records, 2,622,700 barrels of oil was produced in 1965, with a total oil production since 1924 of over 64 million barrels. The production of sand and gravel also contributes significantly to the economy of the county.

GENERAL GEOLOGY

Formations that contain usable ground water in Throckmorton County are near-surface rocks of Permian and Quaternary age (Table 1). The Pueblo Formation of the Wichita Group of Permian age, cropping out in the extreme southeastern part of the county, is the oldest rock unit that occurs at the ground surface in Throckmorton County. Progressively younger Permian rocks crop out to the west in a series of north-south trending bands across the county as shown on the geologic map (Figure 9), while Quaternary alluvium is generally confined to stream valleys.

The Moran Formation, which crops out in the southeast part of the county, is the oldest stratigraphic unit known to contain water of usable quality in the county. Other units that contain usable-quality ground water are the Putnam, Admiral, Belle Plains, and Leuders Formations, and the alluvial deposits that occur along major streams (Figure 9). Older rocks which occur in the subsurface are listed in Table 1, and their stratigraphic relationships are shown on Figures 12 and 13.

The principal, large, buried structural features affecting the attitude of strata in north-central Texas are illustrated on Figure 5. These structures include the Bend flexure, Red River uplift, Muenster arch, Fort Worth basin, eastern Midland shelf, Concho arch, and Concho shelf.

Throckmorton County is on the Concho shelf where rocks of Pennsylvanian and Permian age form a westward-dipping homocline. Geological formations underlying the county dip west-northwest about 40 feet per mile, excluding the channel-fill sandstones that occur in the Permian rocks and the surficial deposits of Quaternary alluvium. On the geologic map, delineation of Permian formations is based largely on the previous mapping of numerous traceable limestone beds in the county by Hornberger (1937). These mapped beds were assigned to the various formations according to the nomenclature used by Stafford (1960) and based on the formation definitions of Moore (1949) and Eargle (1960). Mapping of the Quaternary alluvium on Figure 9 is from Stafford (1960) with some modification based on field observation.

Not all of the limestone beds that were used by Moore and Eargle in defining these Permian formations have been found traceable on the ground across Throckmorton County, so that the position of formation boundaries in some areas is questionable as indicated by dashed boundary lines on Figure 9. More refined mapping of the surface geology in Throckmorton County is presently (1970) underway by the Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin, as a part of the Abilene and Wichita Falls Sheets of the Geologic Atlas of Texas.

GENERAL GROUND-WATER HYDROLOGY

In north-central Texas, the occurrence of ground water is erratic, and there are no large, continuous, prolific ground-water aquifers such as those found in the High Plains and Gulf Coast regions of Texas. However, ground water in north-central Texas conforms to the same fundamental principles of occurrence as that in other areas of the State.

Hydrologic Cycle

The hydrologic cycle is the sum total of processes and movements of the earth's moisture from the sea, through the atmosphere to the land, and eventually, with numerous delays en route, back to the sea. All water occurring in Throckmorton County is from precipitation. The water available for use—whether as direct precipitation, streamflow, water from wells, or spring discharge—is captured in transit, and after its use and reuse is returned to the hydrologic cycle. This cycle is graphically illustrated in Figure 6 which shows the continuing movement of water from the oceans through evaporation to precipitation and its return either directly or ultimately to the ocean.

Source, Occurrence, and Movement of Water

The geologic history of sedimentary deposition and erosion is a primary factor controlling the occurrence and movement of ground water in the northcentral Texas area. The rocks found in the shallow subsurface range from sporadic, uncemented, clastic beds to the more widespread and more continuous beds

SYSTEM	GROUP	FORMATION	MEMBER	APPROXIMATE THICKNESS (FEET)	PREDOMINANT CHARACTER OF ROCKS	WATER-BEARING CHARACTERISTICS	
Quaternary		Alluvium		0 to 20	Gravel, sand, silt, sandy silt, and clay; usually deposited along rivers and major tributaries, although some gravels are found on higher plateaus.	Yields fresh to slightly saline water in small quan- titles to wells.	
	Clear Fork	Arroyo		-	Thin limestone beds and thick shales.	Not known to yield usable- quality water in Shackelford County.	
		Lueders		90	Massive to thin limestone beds with thin shale breaks.	Yields fresh to slightly saline water in small quanti- ties to wells in the outcrop.	
		Clyde	Talpa Limestone Grape Creek Limestone	220	Thin to massive limestone beds alter- nating with shale and marl.	Not known to yield usable- quality water in Shackelford County.	
Permian	Wichita		Belle Plains	Bead Mountain Limestone Valera Shale Jagger Bend Limestone Voss Shale Elm Creek Limestone Jim Ned Shale	325	Limestones and thick to thin shales.	Yields fresh to slightly saline water in small quan- tities to wells in the out- crop.
Forman		Admiral	Overall Limestone Wildcat Creek Shale Hords Creek Limestone Lost Creek Shale	165	Thin-bedded limestones and thick shales.	Do.	
		Putnam	Coleman Junction Limestone Santa Anna Branch Shale	85	Thin limestone beds and thick shales with some thin lenticular sandstones.	Do,	
		Moran	Sedwick Limestone Gouldbusk Limestone Ibex Limestone Watts Creek Shale	275	Thin limestone beds, massive shales, and channel-fill sandstones.	Do.	
		Pueblo	Camp Colorado Limestone Salt Creek Bend Shale Stockwether Limestone Camp Creek Shale	220	Thin limestone beds, massive shales, and channel-fill sandstones.	Not known to yield usable- quality water in Shackelford County.	
//	Cisco			1,050	Thin limestone beds, massive shales, and channel-fill sandstones.	Do.	
	Canyon			800	Massive to thin limestone beds inter- bedded with massive shales and thin lenticular sandstones.	Do.	
Pennsylvanian	Strawn			1,600	Thick units of shale, limestone, and sandstone.	Do.	
	Bend			175	Thick shale units with some sand and conglomerate.	Do,	
Mississippian				200	Limestone and shale beds.	Do,	
Ordovician	Ellenburger			-	Massive limestone.	Do.	

Table 1.-Stratigraphic Units and Their Water-Bearing Properties in Throckmorton County

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Figure 6.-Hydrologic Cycle

of cemented or compacted shale, sandstone, and limestone. In uncemented rocks, such as sand, gravel, and clay, water occurs in the spaces between individual particles; whereas, in cemented or compacted sedimentary rocks, it occurs cheifly in cracks and fissures produced by earth movement or contraction and in openings formed by solution where the rocks are soluble. If these openings are isolated, the movement of ground water is hindered. However, most openings are interconnected and permit ground water to move through them. The essential factor is that ground water of usable quality is continually moving from the point at which it entered the ground-water body, called the recharge area, to points of discharge, generally at lower elevations, either in stream drainage or through wells.

Recharge is the process by which water is added to an underground water-bearing formation, whether by precipitation on the outcrop of the formation or by seepage from surface streams or lakes on the outcrop. Factors that limit the amount of recharge received by a formation are the amount and frequency of precipitation, the area and extent of the outcrop, the topography, the type and amount of vegetation, the condition of the soil in the outcrop area, and the capacity of the formation to accept recharge. Discharge is the process by which water is removed from the formation, either through surface drainage or through wells.

The direction and rate of movement of water through a porous medium, such as an underground geologic formation, is influenced by a variety of factors, which include the nature of the formation itself, the external pressures applied on it, and the fundamental physical laws of gravity and momentum. These factors also include surface tension, friction, atmospheric pressure where the formation encounters the earth's surface, paths of differential permeability, effects of heavy local withdrawals or injection of water, and climatic changes affecting rates of recharge. In Throckmorton County ground-water movement is not constant in either direction or rate. The environment through which it moves is a heterogeneous complex of sedimentary deposits varying in porosity, permeability, and angle of repose. Thus it is not easy, and frequently not possible in the light of present knowledge, to determine precisely the route water will take from the point of recharge to the points of discharge at the ground surface. In the area of this study, however, this route is probably circuitous and of relatively short geographic extent. As a consequence, a landowner, whether private or public, has a particular need for understanding the hydrologic factors affecting the occurrence of ground water. Only by a careful discriminating study of the geologic environment of his immediate locality can he determine the availability of ground water for beneficial use, or the means required to protect available ground water from pollution.

Water-Level Fluctuations

Measurements of water levels in wells show locally the depths to the water table (the piezometric surface in artesian aquifers). Although static conditions may never occur, the term *static level* is sometimes used to describe a measured water level in a well that is relatively uninfluenced by pumping. The term *pumping level* is sometimes used to describe a measured water level in a well that is relatively influenced by pumping. Changes in water levels are important in evaluation of aquifers, and may be due to local or regional influences. Changes in water levels are of significance over both long and short time intervals. The most significant changes result from imbalance of the recharge-discharge relationship.

Concentrated pumpage also can produce significant changes in water levels. The water table near a pumped well is drawn down into the shape of an inverted cone with its apex at the pumped well. Development of this cone is dependent upon the hydraulic properties of the aquifer and the pumping rate. The cone of depression expands until it intercepts recharge which is equal to the demand, or it continues to expand as water is withdrawn from storage. In heavily developed irrigation areas, the cone of each well is superimposed upon the cones of adjacent wells, thus creating a regional cone of depression in the water table or piezometric surface.

Changes in atmospheric pressure, tidal forces, and earthquakes can affect changes in water levels, but the fluctuation are usually very small.

GENERAL CHEMICAL QUALITY OF GROUND WATER

Chemical-Quality Standards and Criteria

All ground water contains dissolved mineral constituents. The type and concentration depends upon the source, movement, and environment of the ground water. Water derived from precipitation is relatively free of mineral matter, but because water has considerable solvent power, it dissolves minerals from the soil and rocks through which it passes. Therefore, the differences in chemical character of ground water reflect, in a general way, the nature of the geologic formations and the soils that have been in contact with the water. The concentration of dissolved solids generally increases with depth, especially where the movement of the water is restricted. Rocks deposited under marine conditions will contain brackish or highly mineralized water unless flushing by fresh water has been accomplished. This flushing action will occur in the outcrop area and to a limited distance downdip, depending in part upon the permeability of the rocks.

The chemical quality of ground water that has not been artificially altered is relatively constant, as is the temperature of ground water, which makes it highly desirable for many uses.

In addition to the natural mineralization of water that occurs in its environment, the quality of ground water can also be affected by man. Municipal and domestic sewage systems (including septic tanks), industrial waste, and oil-field brine that is improperly disposed of can enter into ground water and render it unfit for most uses.

Included among the factors determining the suitability of ground water as a supply are the limitations imposed by the intended use of the water. Criteria have been developed to cover most categories of water quality, including bacterial content, physical characteristics, and chemical constituents. Water-quality problems associated with the first two categories can usually be alleviated economically, but the removal of undesirable chemical constituents can be difficult and expensive The source and significance of the principal dissolvedmineral constituents occurring in ground water are summarized in Table 2.

For many purposes the dissolved-solids content constitutes a major limitation on the use of water. A general classification of water by Winslow and Kister (1956, p. 5) based on dissolved-solids content in mg/l (milligrams per liter) is as follows:

DESCRIPTION	DISSOLVED-SOLIDS CONTENT (MG/L)
Fresh	Less than 1,000
Slightly saline	1,000 to 3,000
Moderately saline	3,000 to 10,000
Very saline	10,000 to 35,000
Brine	More than 35,000

The U.S. Public Health Service has established standards for drinking water to be used on common carriers engaged in interstate commerce. The standards are designed primarily to protect the traveling public and are often used to evaluate public water supplies. According to these standards, chemical constituents should not be present in the water supply in excess of the listed concentrations except where other more suitable supplies are not available. Some of the standards adopted by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962, p. 7-8) are as follows:

Table 2.-Source and Significance of Dissolved-Mineral Constituents and Properties of Water

CONSTITUENT		1.304/14/22
PROPERTY	SOURCE OR CAUSE	SIGNIFICANCE
Silica (SiO ₂)	Dissolved from practically all rocks and soils, commonly less than 30 mg/l. High concentra- tions, as much as 100 mg/l, gener- ally occur in highly alkaline waters.	Forms hard scale in pipes and boilers. Carried over in steam of high pressure boilers to form deposits on blades of turbines. Inhibits deterioration of zeolite-type water softeners.
Iron (Fe)	Dissolved from practically all rocks and soils. May also be derived from iron pipes, pumps, and other equipment. More than 1 or 2 mg/l of iron in surface waters generally indicates acid wastes from mine drainage or other sources.	On exposure to air, iron in ground water oxidizes to reddish- brown precipitate. More than about 0.3 mg/lstains laundry and utensils reddish-brown. Objectionable for food processing, tex- tile processing, beverages, ice manufacture, brewing, and other processes. U.S. Public Health Service (1962) drinking-water standards state that iron should not exceed 0.3 mg/l. Larger quantities cause unpleasant taste and favor growth of iron bacteria.
Calcium (Ca) and magnesium (Mg)	Dissolved from practically all soils and rocks, but especially from limestone, dolomite, and gypsum. Calcium and magnesium are found in large quantities in some brines. Magnesium is present in large quantities in sea water.	Cause most of the hardness and scale-forming properties of water; soap consuming (see hardness). Waters low in calcium and magnesium desired in electroplating, tanning, dyeing, and in textile manufacturing.
Sodium (Na) and potassium (K)	Dissolved from practically all rocks and soils. Found also in ancient brines, sea water, indus- trial brines, and sewage.	Large amounts, in combination with chloride, give a salty taste. Moderate quantities have little effect on the usefulness of water for most purposes. Sodium salts may cause foaming in steam boilers and a high sodium content may limit the use of water for irrigation.
Bicarbonate (HCO $_3$) and carbonate (CO $_3$)	Action of carbon dioxide in water on carbonate rocks such as lime- stone and dolomite.	Bicarbonate and carbonate produce alkalinity. Bicarbonates of calcium and magnesium decompose in steam boilers and hot water facilities to form scale and release corrosive carbon dioxide gas. In combination with calcium and magnesium, cause carbon- ate hardness.
Sulfate (SO ₄)	Dissolved from rocks and soils containing gypsum, iron sulfides, and other sulfur compounds. Commonly present in mine waters and in some industrial wastes.	Sulfate in water containing calcium forms hard scale in steam boilers. In large amounts, sulfate in combination with other ions gives bitter taste to water. Some calcium sulfate is considered beneficial in the brewing process. U.S. Public Health Service (1962) drinking-water standards recommend that the sulfate content should not exceed 250 mg/l.
Chloride (Cl)	Dissolved from rocks and soils. Present in sewage and found in large amounts in ancient brines, sea water, and industrial brines.	In large amounts in combination with sodium, gives salty taste to drinking water. In large quantities, increases the corrosiveness of water. U.S. Public Health Service (1962) drinking-water standards recommend that the chloride content should not exceed 250 mg/l.
Fluoride (F)	Dissolved in small to minute quantities from most rocks and solls. Added to many waters by fluoridation of municipal sup- plies.	Fluoride in drinking water reduces the incidence of tooth decay when the water is consumed during the period of enamel calcification. However, it may cause mottling of the teeth, depending on the concentration of fluoride, the age of the child, amount of drinking water consumed, and susceptibility of the individual. (Maier, 1950)
Nitrate (NO3)	Decaying organic matter, sewage, fertilizers, and nitrates in soil.	Concentration much greater than the local average may suggest pollution. U.S. Public Health Service (1962) drinking-water standards suggest a limit of 45 mg/l. Waters of high nitrate content have been reported to be the cause of methemoglo- binemia (an often fatal disease in infants) and therefore should not be used in infant feeding. Nitrate has been shown to be helpful in reducing inter-crystalline cracking of boiler steel. It encourages growth of algae and other organisms which produce undesirable tastes and odors.
Dissolved solids	Chiefly mineral constituents dis- solved from rocks and soils. Includes some water of crystalli- zation.	U.S. Public Health Service (1962) drinking-water standards recommend that waters containing more than 500 mg/l dissolved solids not be used if other less mineralized supplies are available. Waters containing more than 1000 mg/l dissolved solids are unsuitable for many purposes.
Hardness as CaCO ₃	In most waters nearly all the hardness is due to calcium and magnesium. All the metallic cations other than the alkali metals also cause hardness.	Consumes soap before a lather will form. Deposits soap curd on bathtubs. Hard water forms scale in boilers, water heaters, and pipes. Hardness equivalent to the bicarbonate and carbonate is called carbonate hardness. Any hardness in excess of this is called non-carbonate hardness. Waters of hardness as much as 60 ppm are considered soft; 61 to 120 mg/l, moderately hard; 121 to 180 mg/l, hard; more than 180 mg/l, very hard.
Specific conductance (micromhos at 25 ⁰ C)	Mineral content of the water.	Indicates degree of mineralization. Specific conductance is a measure of the capacity of the water to conduct an electric current. Varies with concentration and degree of ionization of the constituents.
Hydrogen ion concentration (pH)	Acids, acid-generating salts, and free carbon dioxide lower the pH. Carbonates, bicarbonates, hydrox- ides, and phosphates, silicates, and borates raise the pH.	A pH of 7.0 indicates neutrality of a solution. Values higher than 7.0 denote increasing alkalinity; values lower than 7.0 indicate increasing acidity. pH is a measure of the activity of the hydrogen ions. Corrosiveness of water generally increases with decreasing pH. However, excessively alkaline waters may also attack metals.

SUBSTANCE	CONCENTRATION (MG/L)
Chloride (Cl)	250
Iron (Fe)	.3
Manganese (Mn)	.05
Nitrate (N0 ₃)	45
Sulfate (S0 ₄)	250
Total dissolved solids	500

Water having concentrations of chemical constituents in excess of the recommended limits may be objectionable for many reasons. According to Maxcy (1950, p. 271), water containing nitrate in excess of 45 mg/l has been related to the incidence of infant cyanosis (methemoglobinemia or "blue baby" disease). A high nitrate concentration is often, but not always, indicative of pollution from organic matter, commonly human or livestock wastes. Iron and manganese in excessive concentrations cause reddish-brown or dark-gray precipitates, which stain clothing and plumbing fixtures. Sulfate in water in excess of 250 mg/l may produce a laxative effect, and water containing chloride exceeding 250 mg/l may have a salty taste. Fluoride in concentrations of about 1 mg/l may reduce the incidence of tooth decay, but excessive concentrations may cause teeth to become mottled (Dean, Arnold, and Elvove, 1942, p. 1155-1159). The optimum fluoride content is determined by the air temperature in the area, which influences the amount of water consumed and consequently the amount of fluoride intake.

Hardness in water is caused principally by calcium and magnesium. Excessive hardness causes increased consumption of soap and induces the formation of scale in hot water heaters and water pipes. The following table shows the commonly accepted standards and classificaions of water hardness:

HARDNESS RANGE (MG/L)	CLASSIFICATION				
60 or less	Soft				
61 to 120	Moderately hard				
121 to 180	Hard				
More than 180	Very hard				

Water that is suitable for industrial use may not be acceptable for human comsumption, and different standards may apply. Ground water used for industry may be classified into four principal categories: cooling water, boiler water, process water, and water used for secondary recovery of oil by water injection.

Although cooling water is usually selected on the basis of its temperature and source of supply, its chemical quality is also significant. Any characteristic that may adversely affect the heat-exchange surfaces is undesirable. Substances such as magnesium, calcium, iron, and silica may cause the formation of scale. Another objectionable feature that may be found in cooling water is corrosiveness caused by calcium and magnesium chlorides, sodium chloride in the presence of magnesium, acids, and oxygen and carbon dioxide gases. Boiler water used for production of steam requires high quality-of-water standards, since extreme temperature and pressure conditions intensify the problems of corrosion and incrustation. Under these conditions the presence of silica is particularly undesirable as it forms a hard scale or incrustation.

Water coming in contact with, or incorporated into, manufactured products is termed "process water" and is subject to a wide range of quality requirements. These requirements involve physical, biological, and chemical factors. Water used in the manufacture of textiles must be low in dissolved-solids content and free of iron and manganese, which could cause staining. The beverage industry normally requires water free of iron, manganese, and organic substances.

Water used for injection in the secondary recovery of oil is generally that water taken from the oil reservoir. However, this water—usually brine—must generally be supplemented in order to meet the requirements of volume. Careful control must be exercised over the injected water with regard to suspended solids, dissolved gases, microbiological growths, and mineral constituents. Suspended solids in the water, of course, can cause plugging of the reservoir. Hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide, and oxygen all have corrosive effects on well equipment, and oxygen reacting with the metallic ions, primarily iron (Fe⁺⁺), will cause plugging of the reservoir Organisms such as iron bacteria, algae, and fungi have an effect of plugging the reservoir or pumping equipment, and the sulfate reducers have a corrosive effect.

Insofar as the mineral constituents are concerned, iron and manganese are undesirable as they cause plugging in injection wells. Sulfates are of interest from a standpoint of deposition. Water that is high in sulfate should not be mixed with water containing appreciable amounts of barium, because this would result in formation of barium sulfate with a very low solubility. The pH value is also significant when corrosion control and the solubilities of calcium carbonate and iron are considered. The higher the pH, the more difficult it is to maintain iron in solution and to keep calcium scale from forming.

Treatment of Water

Water that does not meet the requirements of a municipal or industrial user commonly can be treated by various methods so that it will become usable. Treatment methods include softening, aeration, filtration, cooling, dilution or the blending of poor and good quality waters, and addition of chemicals. The limiting factor in treatment is cost. Each water may require a different treatment method which should be designed for that particular water and its intended use. However, once a treatment is established it probably will not have to be changed as the chemical characteristics of uncontaminated ground water remain fairly constant.

OCCURRENCE AND QUALITY OF GROUND WATER

Throckmorton County lies within the surface outcrop of the Wichita and Clear Fork Groups of Permian age. These rocks, consisting of interbedded limestones and shales with some lenticular sandstones, contain fresh to slightly saline water erratically in shallow, discontinuous zones of generally low permeability. Unconsolidated alluvial deposits of Quaternary age overlie the Permain rocks along the major streams of the county, and also yield small amounts of fresh to slightly saline water to wells. The occurrence of fresh to slightly saline water in formations of Permain age is limited mainly to the areas of outcrop or a very short distance downdip from the outcrop. However, fresh to slightly saline water is not known to occur below the Moran Formation of the Wichita Group in the county. The geologic units as used in this report are shown in Table 1, and their stratigraphic and structural relationships are shown on the cross sections on Figures 12 and 13.

Most of the water wells in Throckmorton County are used for domestic and livestock supplies. Many of the wells, especially the older ones, are hand dug and are lined with fieldstone or concrete rings. There are a few drilled wells that are cased with oil-field casing or with galvanized well casing. Most wells that are presently in use are equipped with windmills or small electric jet pumps which produce less than 10 gpm (gallons per minute). Of the 143 wells and springs inventoried during this investigation, 80 were being used to provide domestic and livestock water supplies and one was being used for public supply. Ten wells had been drilled for irrigaton purposes but were abandoned because of inadequate amount of water. The locations of all wells and springs visitied during this investigation are shown on Figure 9.

Water samples were collected for chemical analysis from 123 wells and two springs in the county. The content of dissolved solids in these samples ranged from 165 to 7,000 mg/l. The following table shows the number of analyses within certain ranges of dissolvedsolids content: The wide variation in the chemical quality is also reflected in the concentrations of some of the principal chemical constituents in the samples. Bicarbonate concentrations ranged from 7 to 810 mg/l. Sulfate ranged from less than 4 to 3,220 mg/l and the chloride concentration ranged from 4 to 3,370 mg/l. Some of the wells with an unusually high dissolved-solids and chloride content are probably contaminated and are discussed in later sections of this report. Analyses of water samples from wells in the county are shown in Table 4. The locations of wells sampled, well depth, and the chloride, sulfate, and dissolved-solids contents are shown on Figure 11.

Permian System

Wichita Group

Rocks of the Wichita Group consist of the Pueblo, Moran, Putnam, Admiral, Belle Plains, Clyde, and Leuders Formations.

Pueblo Formation

The Pueblo Formation occurs in the subsurface throughout most of Throckmorton County but outcrops in a limited area in the extreme southeastern part of the county and in adjoining areas of western Young County (Figure 9). Rocks of this formation include limestone, shales, and sandstones that occur from the top of the Saddle Creek Limestone Member in the Cisco Group to the top of the Camp Colorado Limestone Member of the Pueblo (Table 1). No fresh to slightly saline water is known to be produced from rocks of this formation.

Moran Formation

The Moran Formation consists of thick shales, thin limestones, and lenticular sandstones that occur from the top of the Camp Colorado Limestone Member of the Pueblo Formation to the top of the Sedwick Limestone

RANGE IN DISSOLVED SOLIDS (MG/L)	NUMBER OF ANALYSES	PERCENT OF TOTAL ANALYSES	CUMULATIVE PERCENT
500 or less	15	12.00	12.00
501 to 1,000	41	32.80	44.80
1,001 to 1,000	22	17.60	62.40
1,501 to 2,000	13	10.40	72.80
2,001 to 3,000	11	8.80	81.60
Over 3,000	23	18.40	100.00

Member of the Moran (Table 1). Small amounts of fresh to slightly saline water are found in isolated permeable zones in or near the outcrop of these rocks in Throckmorton County.

Three wells, 21-64-301, 30-08-301, and 30-08-302, formerly produced water from the Moran. Analyses of water samples from these wells show a wide variation in chemical quality (Table 4). Dissolved solids ranged from 368 to 2,000 mg/l. Bicarbonate content ranged from 250 to 397 mg/l, chloride content from 4 to 520 mg/l, and sulfate content from 16 to 700 mg/l.

Water from two of these wells, 21-64-301 and 30-08-301, contained a higher concentration of dissolved solids than is recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962) for drinking water used on interstate carriers. This water was used in the past for domestic and livestock supplies.

Putnam Formation

The Santa Anna Branch Shale and the Coleman Junction Limestone Members make up the Putnam Formation (Table 1). Locally the shale and limestone are replaced by siltstone and sandstone channels. The amount of sand increases from south to north along the outcrop. Small amounts of fresh to slightly saline water are found in permeable zones of these sandstone channels.

Eight wells and one spring are known to produce water from rocks of the Putnam Formation in Throckmorton County. Chemical analyses of water samples from the spring and seven of the wells show a wide variation in the chemical guality of water from this formation. The dissolved-solids content ranged from 402 to 4,770 mg/l, the chloride content from 30 to 2,590 mg/l, and the sulfate content from 22 to 2,170 mg/l. A particular contrast of chemical constituents is shown in water from two of these wells. Water from well 21-48-601 contains 4,770 mg/l dissolved solids of which 54 percent is chloride, and water from well 21-48-906 contains 3,960 mg/l dissolved solids of which 55 percent is sulfate. Water from wells 21-56-302, 21-56-303, and 21-56-602 and spring 21-56-301 contains high concentrations of nitrate which are probably due to contamination by sewage from nearby septic tanks.

Water from most of the wells completed in this formation is used for domestic and livestock purposes. All the wells except one contain a higher concentration of dissolved solids than is recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962) for drinking water used on interstate carriers.

Admiral Formation

The rocks that make up the Admiral Formation in Throckmorton County consist of alternating beds of thin limestone and thick shale with some sandstone lenses. The sandstones become more numerous and extensive northward along the outcrop. The formation includes those rocks which occur from the top of the Coleman Junction Limestone Member of the Putnam Formation to the top of the Overall Limestone Member of the Admiral (Table 1).

One well, 21-48-201, is known to derive water from this formation. Analysis of a water sample shows the following concentrations of dissolved minerals: 133 mg/l, magnesium, 1,000 mg/l sodium, 1,590 mg/l chloride, 550 mg/l sulfate, and 3,640 mg/l dissolved solids.

Belle Plains Formation

The Belle Plains Formation includes the rocks that occur from the top of the Overall Limestone Member of the Admiral Formation to the top of the Bead Mountain Limestone Member of the Belle Plains (Table 1), and consists of limestones interbedded with thick to thin shales, a few sandstones lenses, and anhydrite deposits. At the surface, however, the anhydrite has been leached out.

Five wells yield fresh to slightly saline water from zones of local permeability in the outcrop of the Belle Plains. These wells are hand dug, and only three are currently in use.

Chemical analyses show that water from four of the five wells has mineral concentration below 3,000 mg/l. However, water from well 21-55-402 contained 1,200 mg/l chloride and 3,040 mg/l dissolved solids.

Clyde Formation

The Clyde Formation includes the thin to massive limestones alternating with thin marls and shales which make up the Grape Creek and Talpa Limestone Members (Table 1). No fresh to slightly saline water is known to be produced from the Clyde Formation in Throckmorton County.

Lueders Formation

In Throckmorton County, the Lueders Formation is composed of massive to thin limestone beds with thin shale breaks.

Small amounts of fresh to slightly saline water are produced from fractures and solution cavities in the limestone in the outcrop area. During this study, 46 wells and one spring were inventoried which produce or have produced water of usable quality from the Lueders.

Water samples were collected for chemical analysis from 37 of the wells and one spring. These analyses indicate a high degree of variation in the chemical quality of water produced from the limestones. The numbers of analyses within certain ranges of dissolvedsolids content are tabulated below:

RANGE IN DISSOLVED SOLIDS (MG/L)	NUMBER OF ANALYSES	PERCENT OF TOTAL ANALYSES	CUMULATIVE PERCENT
500 or less	1	2,63	2.63
501 to 1,000	9	23.68	26.31
1,001 to 1,500	9	23.68	49.99
1,501 to 2,000	3	7.90	57.89
2,001 to 3,000	5	13.16	71.05
Over 3,000	11	28.95	100.00

One well, 21-45-507, produces very saline water (43,000 mg/l sodium, 90,500 mg/l chloride, and 147,000 mg/l dissolved solids), and was not considered in the following discussions. This apparently contaminated well is located near several water wells which produce relatively good quality water (Table 4).

The ranges in concentration of the predominant dissolved chemicals in the water from the Leuders Formation in Throckmorton County are as follows:

calcium	•	ł	ł	٠	•	•	•		•	•	•	33	to	680 mg/l
magnesium				•			•					9	to	318 mg/l
sodium				•	•	•	: • .			•	•	25	to	1,350 mg/l
bicarbonate	ł			•	•	•	•	ł				- 7	to	810 mg/l
sulfate		ł		•	•		•	•	•	2	•	46	to	2,580 mg/l
chloride	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	16	to	1,780 mg/l
fluoride		•	×		•			•	÷			- 0.3	to	22 mg/l
nitrate	,		÷		•		÷					<0.4	to	110 mg/l

Although 11 water samples contain over 3,000 mg/l dissolved solids, the predominant chemical constituent is sulfate, which would indicate natural mineralization. Water from well 21-53-501, however, is high in chloride (1,780 mg/l) which indicates apparent contamination by brine.

The high nitrate content of water from wells 21-54-401 (110 mg/l) and 21-54-402 (70 mg/l) is probably due to contamination from a nearby sewage source.

Although many of these wells produce water containing a higher concentration of minerals then recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962), they have been used for years as domestic and livestock supplies.

Clear Fork Group

The Clear Fork Group consists of the Arroyo Formation in Throckmorton County.

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Arroyo Formation

The Arroyo Formation consists mainly of thin dolomitic limestone beds alternating with thick shales, with some anhydrite and sandstone lenses. In Throckmorton County the formation is relatively thin and occurs mainly on the topographic divides in the western part of the county (Figure 9). No water is known to be produced from this formation in the county.

Quaternary System

Alluvium

Alluvium of Quarternary age, consisting of unconsolidated sand, gravel, silt, and clay, occurs in the terraces and floodplains of the streams in Throckmorton County (Figure 9). Small amounts of alluvium are found along almost all streams in the county, but only in the northeast part of the county, along the Brazos River and its major tributaries, are these deposits known to be significant sources of ground water (Figure 9). Seventyeight wells were located which produce or have produced small amounts of usable quality water from these deposits.

Water samples were collected for chemical analysis from 38 wells. The results of these analyses, which are given in Table 4, indicate a wide variation in the chemical quality of water produced from alluvial deposits in the county. The number of samples falling within various ranges are as follows:

RANGE IN			
DISSOLVED SOLIDS (MG/L)	NUMBER OF ANALYSES	PERCENT OF TOTAL ANALYSES	CUMULATIVE PERCENT
500 or less	11	15.72	15.72
501 to 1,000	27	38.57	54.29
1,000 to 1,500	12	17.14	71.43
1,501 to 2,000	7	10.00	81.43
2,001 to 3,000	6	8.57	90.00
Over 3,000	7	10.00	100.00

The ranges in concentration of the predominant dissolved chemicals in these samples are shown below:

calcium	14	1.5	19	×		×		с¥.	5	*		.1	15	to	424	mg/l
magnesiu	In	n	•		•	÷	•	•			•	2	6	to	351	mg/l
sodium .		223						•	•	•			7	to	1,820	mg/l
bicarbon	at	e				•	•		•		•	.7	73	to	810	mg/l
sulfate .						÷	•	20	×		*	<	<4	to	3,220	mg/l
chloride	2	1	1.4					12	4	•	÷	ŝ	4	to	3,370	mg/l
fluoride	į,			•	ł	•	٠	•		3	•	•	0.1	to	2.8	mg/l
nitrate .						ŝ					÷	<	۵.4	to	336	mg/l

Alteration of the chemical quality of native ground water in the alluvium probably has occurred, but historical data necessary for comparison to indicate where and how much alteration has occurred are not available. Some of the higher concentrations of chloride and total dissolved solids in water from wells completed in the alluvium are listed below:

WELL	DISSOLVED SOLIDS (MG/L)	CHLORIDE (MG/L)
20-41-703	5,500	2,490
20-41-704	3,130	1,260
20-41-708	3,770	1,220
20-41-711	2,490	1,050
20-41-713	2,530	780
20-41-714	2,670	1,030
21-40-803	5,700	3,370

Water from several wells contains higher concentrations of specific minerals than the upper limits recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962), as shown by the following: nine wells (12.8 percent) contain water with more than 125 mg/l magnesium; 20 wells (28.6 percent) contain water with more than 250 mg/l sulfate; 32 wells (45.7 percent) contain water with more than 250 mg/l chloride; 34 wells (48.6 percent) contain water with more than 1.2 mg/l fluoride; and 26 wells (37.1 percent) contain water with more than 45 mg/l nitrate.

Although water produced from the alluvial sediments in Throckmorton County often contains large amounts of dissolved minerals, over 50 percent of the wells sampled yield water with less than the 1,000 mg/l maximum content of dissolved solids recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962).

Water from wells 20-41-103, 20-41-106, 20-41-107, 20-41-204, 20-41-205, and 20-41-206 was formerly used for irrigation, but due to small yields these wells are presently unused. Other wells completed in the alluvium are not known to produce enough water for industrial, municipal, or irrigation purposes.

WATER-QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAMS

Surface Casing

The function of the Surface Casing Program of the Ground Water Division of the Texas Water Development Board is to recommend to oil and gas operators and the Railroad Commission of Texas the depth to which usable quality ground water should be protected in drilling for oil and gas. The authority for participation by the Board in the Surface Casing Program is derived from rules promulgated by the Railroad Commission under authority given that agency by statutes dealing with the regulation of drilling and production activities of the petroleum industry.

Statewide Rule 13 of the Railroad Commission requires that operators obtain a letter from the Texas Water Development Board regarding the occurrence of fresh-water strata in a field or area in question and that the fresh-water strata be protected to the depth recommended by the Board if the lease or area is not covered by field rules or lease recommendations. Railroad Commission Rule 8 requires that all fresh water be protected in drilling, plugging, or production activities, or disposing of salt water already produced. In carrying out its duties under Rule 13, the Texas Water Development Board created the Surface Casing Program in the Ground Water Division. The staff of the Surface Casing Program is responsible for maintaining technical data files upon which to base fresh water protection recommendations in all areas of the State, and for preparing these recommendations for operators contemplating drilling oil or gas tests. The recommended depth to which ground water of usable quality should be protected in a given area is based on all pertinent information available to the Surface Casing Program staff at the time the recommendation is given. Recommended depths in any one area may therefore be revised from time to time as additional subsurface information becomes available.

Known depths of wells that produce or have produced water of usable quality, such as domestic, municipal, industrial, livestock, or irrigation wells, are of primary value in determining the depth of usable water. Electric or gamma-ray neutron logs on oil and gas tests are used in many areas to determine the depth to the base of usable quality ground water. Surface elevation is given special consideration when a recommendation is given in an area that has moderate to high surface relief, as is common to portions of Throckmorton County. This consideration is imperative when the slope of the land surface does not conform to the dip of the underlying rocks, because of the danger that poor quality water will cause contamination of surface and ground water by moving along the dip of the beds to fresh-water zones or to points of discharge in stream channels. This information is interpreted in the light of the available knowledge of the geology and ground-water hydrology on the area involved.

During the 6-year period 1963-68, the Surface Casing Program staff prepared 1,154 recommendatins for protection of usable quality ground water for oil and gas tests drilled in Throckmorton County. One hundred and forty-three of these recommendations were prepared during 1968. The depths of these recommendations range from 60 to 100 feet.

Subsurface Disposal

The Regular Session of the 61st Texas Legislature in 1969 passed Senate Bill 138 (Article 7621b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) which prescribed the permit system for subsurface disposal of municipal and industrial wastes in Texas. This act in effect designated the Texas Water Quality Board as the permit-issuing agency for all injection wells to dispose of "...industrial and municipal waste, other than waste arising out of or incidental to the drilling for or producing or oil or gas...." Section 4(b) of this statute also directed that any person applying to the Railroad Commission for a permit to inject "...waste arising out of or incidental to the drilling for or producing or oil or gas..." shall obtain a letter from the Texas Water Quality Board "...stating that the drilling of the injection well and the injection of such waste into the subsurface stratum will not endanger the fresh water strata in that area and that the formation or strata to be used for such waste disposal are not fresh water sands."

Opinions by the Attorney General of Texas pertinent to the implementation of Article 7621b are to the effect: (1) that "injection well," when correctly interpreted, includes only those wells which are drilled or used for the purpose of disposal and does not include an injection well where the purpose of the well is to increase production from an oil or gas-bearing stratum, and (2) that a determination by Texas Water quality Board is not binding on the Railroad Commission but is merely advisory.

The staff of the Texas Water Quality Board reviews applications to dispose of salt water into subsurface zones and advises the operators and the Railroad Commission of the acceptability of such applications. Waterflood, pilot projects for secondary recovery, and other secondary recovery operations where salt water is injected into subsurface zones which are productive of oil or gas are granted permits by the Railroad Commission without consultation with the Texas Water Quality Board. Also, the inspection of construction and completion of all brine injection systems is a regulatory function of the Railroad Commission.

The above functions designated to the Texas Water Quality Board were formerly responsibilities of the Texas Water Development Board. In the period March 1962 to December 1968, 103 applications to the Railroad Commission for salt-water disposal wells in Throckmorton County were reviewed by the staff of the Subsurface Disposal Program of the Texas Water Development Board. Each of these applications was reviewed on an individual basis with consideration given to geologic and hydrologic data of the area, method of completion of the proposed injection well, volume of salt water to be injected, and injection pressure to be used.

In addition to the salt-water disposal wells, the Railroad Commission, from August 1961 to December 1966, granted permits for 41 projects involving the use of injection wells in water flood, pressure maintenance, and other secondary recovery operations in Throckmorton County. The number of injection wells utilized in these projects ranges from one well in pilot projects for secondary recovery programs to as many as 13 or more injection wells in the larger waterflood projects. Generally, these projects are granted permits which contain provisions for expansion of the waterinjection facilities by the use of additional injection wells as the operations expand.

OIL-FIELD BRINE PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL

Quantity and Distribution of Produced Brine

During 1962, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Texas Water Pollution Control Board, and the Texas Water Commission cooperated in collection and tabulation of information submitted by oil and gas operators concerning the 1961 oil-field brine production and disposal in Texas. The Railroad Commission of Texas and the Texas Water Devlopment Board have cooperated in a similar collection and tabulation of the 1967 oil-field brine production and disposal in Texas which is now being compiled. Table 6 is a summary of the brine production in 1961 and 1967 by oil fields and by arbitrarily defined producing areas in Throckmorton County. The location and extent of the brine-producing areas in the county and the amount of brine production and method of disposal in each area for 1967 are shown on Figure 10.

The total production of oil-field brines reported for 1967 (6,396,766 barrels) was only about 60 percent of the total reported 1961 production (10,664,726 barrels). In 1961, 440,081 barrels or 4.1 percent of the total production was reported disposed into open, unlined surface-disposal pits. However, only 15,216 barrels or 0.2 percent was reported placed into pits for disposal in 1967. This drop is probably due to the no-pit order issued by the Railroad Commission in 1964. In 1961, 10,207,024 barrels or 95.7 percent of the total production of salt water was reported injected into wells for disposal. This includes both pressure maintenance wells and salt-water disposal wells. In 1967, 6,303,192 barrels or 98.6 percent of the total production was reported disposed by injection. In 1961, 17,621 barrels or less than 0.2 percent of the total reported brine production was disposed by other miscellaneous methods, such as dumping into surface drainageways or on road and lease surfaces. In 1967, however, miscellaneous disposal was reported for 78,358 barrels or 1.2 percent of the total brine production.

There have been some significant changes in the distribution of brine production and in the methods of disposal in the county since 1961. Five of the areas (areas 5, 7, 17, 18, and 24) ceased producing brine after 1961. In 1961, some brine was disposed in open surface pits in each of the 32 areas shown on Figure 10 except areas 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 20, 29, and 32. In 1967, however, disposal of brine in surface pits was reportedly confined to areas 6, 13, 14, 19, and 25 (Figure 10). All other areas were disposing by injection into the subsurface or by other methods.

The greatest use of surface pits apparently occurs in area 19 where a reported 7,380 barrels of brine was disposed by this method in 1967.

Chemical Quality of Produced Brine

Chemical analyses of some oil-field brines from various producing zones in Throckmorton County are tabulated in Table 5. These analyses show the same ions present in the brines that are present in samples from water wells used for domestic and livestock supplies (Table 4). However, sodium, magnesium, calcium, and chloride ions are present in much greater concentrations in the brines.

Table 4 presents chemical analyses in milligrams per liter, which is the preferred metric system unit. Table 5 presents similar data (from Laxson and others, 1960), but in ppm (parts per million) by weight. Parts per million may be considered equal to milligrams per liter at concentrations less than about 7,000 ppm. At higher concentrations the units are not directly interchangeable, as conversion must take into account the greater differences in density of saline waters.

In the oil-field brines samples (Table 5), the sodium concentration ranges from 23,994 to 51,267 ppm. The chloride concentration ranges from 42,844 to 113,300 ppm. The concentration of magnesium ranges from 427 to 3,790 ppm. The range of total dissolved solids is from 71,445 to 183,112 ppm.

ALTERATION OF NATIVE QUALITY OF GROUND WATER

Alteration of the chemical quality of ground and surface water, as evidenced by the chemical analyses of water, has occurred locally in Throckmorton County. Although a study of the contamination of surface water was not included in the scope of this report, it is impossible to ignore the interrelationship of ground and surface water. Alteration of the chemical quality of surface water may affect the quality of ground water by downward percolation of the altered water, and alteration of ground-water quality may affect surface water by outflow from springs and by contribution to the base flow of steams (Figure 6).

The alteration of the chemical quality of ground water may be due to both natural and artificial means. Natural alteration occurs when water dissolves minerals from the rocks over which it flows or through which it percolates. In Throckmorton County natural alteration is evidenced by high sulfate concentration (from anhydrite) and high bicarbonate concentration (from limestone and dolomite).

Artificial alteration of the quality of ground water may be either biological or chemical. Biological contamination is usually due to poor well construction and to location of water wells near septic tanks, livestock feedlots, and barnyards. It is usually evidenced by a high nitrate concentration in the water. Several wells in the county seem to be contaminated by one or more of these causes (Table 4).

Alteration of the chemical quality of ground water may also be associated with the operations of the oil and gas industry. Brines produced with oil and gas may commingle with usable-quality water in several ways. Brines placed in shallow surface pits for disposal may contaminate ground water by downward seepage or percolation. Overflow of brines from surface pits may contaminate surface water. Saline water may move up the bore holes of improperly plugged or cased wells into shallow fresh-water zones, due to natural pressure and the pressure of secondary-recovery injection. Groundwater quality may also be altered by lateral and vertical movement of injection fluids from improperly constructed municipal and industrial waste-disposal wells.

The location of 8 wells, apparently contaminated by oil-field brines, and several areas of vegetative kill, apparently the result of discharge of oil-field brine onto the surface or overflow of brine from disposal pits, are shown on Figure 10. Figure 7 shows diagrams of the chemical analyses of water from some of these apparently contaminated wells, native quality or apparently unaltered ground water, and a typical oil-field brine. The diagrams illustrate the chemical similarity between a typical oil-field brine and water from wells which have been contaminated by brine. Only a small amount of brine entering a water supply is necessary to change significantly the chemical character of the water. Although there are many indications of apparent contamination in Throckmorton County, efforts have been and are being made by many petroleum operators to avoid contamination of the soil, surface water, and ground water, especially by curtailing the use of open, unlined surface pits as a means of brine disposal.

Figure 8 consists of photographs of several vegetative-kill areas observed in this study. The areas are found in several locations and range in size from less than one acre to several acres.

Photograph A shows one of several small vegetative-kill areas located about 3½ miles southwest of the town of Throckmorton. In the background are oil-brine separators, tank batteries, and an abandoned surface disposal pit.

Photograph B shows an extensive area of vegetative kill in the Bailes field about 3½ miles southeast of the town of Throckmorton. There are several surface disposal pits in the area.

Photographs C and D were taken in an extensive vegetative-kill area on the southeast edge of the town of Throckmorton. Several abandoned surface disposal pits have been left open in this area and are visible in each photograph.

Photographs E and F show a small vegetative-kill area and a surface disposal pit in use in 1968 containing brine and oil. This area is 1-½ miles north of the community of Elbert.

Photographs G and H show views of a large vegetative-kill area and a surface disposal pit in use in the Greathouse field about 10 miles east of the town of throckmorton. Photograph G shows the extensive area of vegetative kill with the disposal pit, oil well, and tank battery in the left background. Photograph H shows salt water from the nearby separator being discharge into the surface disposal pit.

Photographs I and J are views of an extensive vegetative-kill area about 12 miles southwest of the town of Throckmorton. A water-oil separator, tank battery, and several producing oil wells are located on a bluff overlooking the flood plain of the Clear Fork Brazos River. Brine and oil flow intermittently from a standpipe on the separator onto the land suface. The oil and salt water have flowed down the bluff have caused the kill area on the valley floor.

Photograph K shows an area of vegetative kill and an abandoned oil well about 5 miles west of Woodson in the Florence field.

Photograph L was taken in the Dickie field, inside the city limits of Woodson. The pictures show a producing oil well, a tank battery, and a large surface disposal pit in use in 1968. There is a small area of vegetative kill around the pit.



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 A. Vegetative-kill area in Diane field, section 248, BBB & C Survey, 3¹/₂ miles southwest of Throckmorton, View is southeast.



B. Extensive vegetative-kill area in the Bailes field, section 292, BBB & C Survey, 3% miles southeast of Throckmorton. View is west.



C. Vegetative-kill area and open abandoned surface disposal pits in the Coon field, section 286, BBB & C Survey, ½ mile southeast of Throckmorton. View is west.



D. Abandoned surface disposal pits in the same area as photograph C. Water in pit is precipitation that is salty to the taste. Note phreatophytes (saltcedars) in pits. View is north.



E. Surface disposal pit which contains salt water and oil. Location is section 2133, TE & L Survey, 1½ miles north of Elbert. View is west.



F. Same area as photograph E. View is south.

Figure 8.-Photographs of Surface Disposal Pits and Vegetative-Kill Areas, 1968-Continued

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G. Vegetative-kill area in section 2178, TE & L Survey, 10 miles east of Throckmorton. Note oil well surface equipment and surface disposal pit in left background. View is east.



H. Same location as photograph G. View shows salt water from nearby separator being discharged into surface pit. View is southeast.



 Extensive vegetative-kill area along tributary of Clear Fork Brazos River, 12 miles southwest of Throckmorton in the C. W. Marques Survey. Note tank battery and separator (black tower) in background. The ditch in center background (dark-stained area) is apparently used to dispose of salt water and oil waste from separator. View is northeast.



J. Same area as photograph I. View is from the bluff near the separator. Note oil and water puddle in foreground and the eroded trench in left background. View is southwest.



K. Area of vegetative kill surrounding an abandoned oil well in the Florence field, section 693, TE & L Survey, 5 miles west of Woodson. View is south.



L. Oil-field brine disposal pit located in section 686, TE & L Survey, adjacent to the town of Woodson. Note oil around edge of pit. View is southeast.

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: Qal, Quaternary alluvium; Pwl, Lueders Formation; Pwbp, Belle Plains Formation; Pwa, Admiral Formation; Water-bearing unit

Pwp, Putnam Formation; Pwm, Moran Formation.

Method of lift and type of power: A, Auger; B, bucket or bailer; C, cylinder; Cf, centrifugal; E, electric; G, natural gas, butane, or gasoline; H, hand; J, jet; N, none; S, submersible; T, turbine; W, windmill. Use of water : D, domestic; Ind, industrial; Irr, irrigation; N, none; P, public supply; S, Livestock.

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	WELL	OWNER	DRILLER	DATE COM- PLET- ED	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DIAM- ETER (IN.)	DEPTH (FT)	WATER- BEAR- ING UNIT	ALTITUDE OF LAND SURFACE (FT)	BELOW LAND- SURFACE DATUM (FT)	DA MEAS	TE O UREM	F ENT	METHOD OF LIFT	USE OF WATER	REMARKS
*2	0-33-701	Louis Sykora	Louis Sykora	1963	10			Qal	1,240	5.8	Aug.	15,	1967	Ν	N	Dug well.
*	702	H. B. Rogers	H. B. Rogers	1946	19			Qa 1	1,230	14.4	Sept.	19,	1967	N	Ν	Do.
÷	41-101	Juble E. Wells	Pete Haley	1927	29			Qa 1	1,201	22.3	Aug.	15,	1967	C,W	D	Do.
*	102	Cecil Womack		1934	32			Qa1	1,169	13.4	Aug.	16,	1967	C,W	S	Do.
*	103	do	Les Jameson	1963	24	7	24	Qal	1,168	15.9		do		Ν	N	Drilled for irrigation, but did not produce enough water.
*	104	Louis Sykora			33			Qa1	1,202					T,E	Ν	Dug well.
de rt	105	Cecil Womack			40			Qa l	1,202	29.9	Aug.	16,	1967	C,W	D,S	Reported over 100 years old. Dug well.
	106	do	Les Jameson	1963	24	7	24	Qa 1	1,168					Ν	Ν	Drilled for irrigation, but did not produce enough water.
	107	do	Cecil Womack	1964	38	7	38	Qa 1	1,171					Ν	Ν	Drilled in bottom of old dug well. Drilled for irrigation but did not produce enough water.
*	108	J. R. Mixon	J. R. Mixon	1940	10			Qal	1,146	8.5	Oct.	20,	1967	в,Н	D,S	Dug well.
*	109	W. Morris Hannis, Sr.			15			Qal	1,147	10.7	Oct.	19,	1967	E,A	D,S	Do.
*	110	do			21			Qal	1,157	18.4		do		J.E	D.S	Do.
*	111	C. C. Richardson	C. C. Richardson	1947	33			Qa 1	1,175	29.5	Oct.	23,	1967	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	112	A. B. Edsall		1960	72	5		Qa 1	1,175	31.1		do		N	N	Seismograph hole.
*	203	Ethelene Easley	Les Jameson	1964	46	10	46	Qa1	1,187					J,E	D,S	

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20-4	1-204	Cecil Womack	Les Jameson	1963	24	7	24	Qal	1,168				Ν	Ν	Drilled for irrigation, but did not produce enough water
	205	do	do	1963	24	7	24	Qa1	1,168				Ν	Ν	Do.
	206	do	do	1963	24	7	24	Qa1	1,168				Ν	Ν	Do.
*	207	Tom Cooke	Dr. Harrold		33			Qa1	1,195	23.8	Sept.	20, 1967	J,E	D,S	Dug well.
ŵ	401	Mark Campbell			31			Qal	1,147	20.9	Oct.	10, 1967	N	N	Do.
*	402	F. Dwight Hamilton			26			Qal	1,148	21.8	Oct.	18, 1967	C,W	Ν	Do.
	403	J. M. Pace et al.			20			Qal	1,146				C,W	N	Rains washed sand into well. Dug well.
¥	404	A. W. Mitchell	A. W. Mitchell	1947	29			Qal	1,147	21.8	Oct.	18, 1967	J,E	D,S	Dug well.
*	405	W. P. Manuel			14			Qa l	1,135	8.4		do	Ν	Ν	Do.
ste.	406	do			27			Qal	ı1,148 ،	21.9		do	J,E	S	Do.
π.	407	do			27			Qal	1,142	17.7		do	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	408	do		1935	28			Qa1	1,141	14.2		do	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	409	Marvin Hickey			13			Qa1	1,138	9.3	Oct.	19, 1967	C,W	S	Do.
*	410	A. W. Mitchell			15			Qal	1,137	10.1		do	C,W	N	Do.
*	411	W. Elbert Curtis, Jr.			24			Qa l	1,145	19.9		do	Ν	Ν	Do.
*	412	N. L. B. Davis			19			Qal	1,151	16.8	Oct.	20, 1967	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	413	D. W. Pace		22	36			Qal	1,146	22.8	Oct.	18, 1967	в,н	D,S	Do.
*	414	A. B. Edsall	S. M. Edsall	1925	23			Qa1	1,159	18.7	Oct.	23, 1967	C,W	S	Do.
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÷20-	41-415	A. B. Edsall	A. B. Edsall	1960	32			Qal	1,165	30.3	Oct.	23, 1967	J,E	S	Dug well.
*	416	Mrs. O. C. Cribbs			27			Qa I	1,146	21.0	Dec.	6, 1967	J,E	D,S	Do.
π	417	do	Harmon Cribbs et al.	1934	21			Qal	1,139	11.9		do	Ν	N	Do.
*	701	W. J. Timmons	W. J. Timmons	1946	21			Qa I	1,139	15.3	Aug.	23, 1967	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	702	W. Elbert Curtis, Jr.	-		23			Qa I	1,165	18.3	Oct.	19, 1967	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	703	J. C. Smith		1961	24	10		Qal	1,154	13.6	Oct.	20, 1967	T,E	D	
*	704	Mrs. Ruby Lilly		1961	24	10		Qal	1,154				J,E	P.S	Used by Mrs. Lilly and the First Baptist Church.
*	705	Bob D. Bailes	Bob D. Bailes	1963	32	7		Qal	1,164	16.2	Oct.	20, 1967	J,E	D,S	
*	706	do			21			Qal	1,150	14.4		do	C,W	Ν	Dug well.
*	707	do			15			Qal	1,141	10.4		do	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	708	Elbert Keeter			31			Qal	1,144	19.8		do	в,н	Ν	Do.
*	709	R. R. Roberts	R. R. Roberts		20			Qal	1,144	14.5	Oct.	23, 1967	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	710	J. W. Roberts	J. W. Roberts		23	6		Qal	1,144				C,E	D,S	
*	711	Lyndel Manuel	4 .		30			Qa1	1,146				J,E	D,S	
*	712	W. P. Manuel	W. H. Manuel et al.	1940	24			Qa 1	1,153	7.3	Oct.	20, 1967	Ν	Ν	Dug well.
*	713	W. A. Keeter	W. A. Keeter	1957	24			Qal	1,155	9.2		do	J,E	D,S	Do.
*	714	do	do	1942	22			Qal	1,163	14.0		do	Ν	Ν	Do.
*	715	Venus Hulse		1964	31	5		Qal	1,152	18.6	Oct.	21, 1967	Ν	N	
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*2	0-41-716	G. E. Sorgee		1964	40	8		Qal	1,152					J,E	D,S	
*	717	/ Leo Ramsey		1964	16	10		Qal	1,150	10.8	Nov.	21,	1967	Ν	Ν	
·^	805	W.J. Timmons	W. J. Timmons	1911	20			Qa 1	1,138	18.1	Aug.	23,	1967	C,W	S	Dug well.
*	49-40	James Meng	Claude Covey	1960	30	16		Qa1	1,141					C,W	S	
*2	1-37-901	Frank Allen		1952	47	6		Pw1	1,343					J,E	D,S	
	902	do	Frank Allen	1908	60	5		Pw1	1,342	16.3	Oct.	9, 1	1967	C,W	S	
$\dot{\pi}$	903	do do			31			Pw1	1,335	26.0	Nov.	14, 1	1967	J,E	S	Dug well.
ż	904	W. R. Moore and Son	Elmer Glenn	1942	65	4		Pwl	1,370	20.0	Oct.	9,	1967	C,W	S	
*	40-80	Don Buckalew		1949	20			Qa1	1,181	15.7	Sept.	19, 1	1967	J,E	D,S	Dug well.
	802	do do	Buster Tolson	1961	39	8		Qa1	1,188	22.0		do		C,W	Ν	
*	80	do do	do	1961	21	7		Qa1	1,163	7.8		do		C,W	N	
*	805	do			13			Qa1	1,170	8.4	Nov.	14,	1967	C,W	S	Dug well.
*	806	Polk County School Lands			25			Qa1	1,177	13.5	Dec.	1,	1967	C,W	S	Do.
*	807	do do	Drover Roberts		19			Qal	1,172	13.1		do		J,E	D,S	Do.
4	808	3 John T. Davis, Jr.			15			Qa1	1,177	14.3	Dec.	1,	1967	C,W	Ν	Do.
÷	809	Polk County School Lands			18			Qa 1	1,176	14.8	Nov.	17, 1	1967	N	Ν	Do.
*	901	Don Buckalew	Ernest Knezek	1967	33	36		Qal	1,185	22.3	Sept.	19, 1	1967	Ν	Ν	Owner plans to use well for domestic supply.
	902	2 do	Buster Tolson	1961	31	7		Qal	1,184					N	Ν	
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						CAS	ING			WA	TER LE	VEL				
	WELL	OWNER	DRILLER	DATE COM- PLET- ED	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DIAM- ETER (IN.)	DEPTH (FT)	WATER BEAR- ING UNIT	ALTITUDE OF LAND SURFACE (FT)	BELOW LAND- SURFACE DATUM (FT)	DA MEAS	TE OF UREME	NT	METHOD OF LIFT	USE OF WATER	REMARKS
į.	*21-40-903	Don Buckalew	Buster Tolson	1961	68	4		Qal	1,203	41.8	Sept.	19,	1967	C,W	N	
	904	do		1946	20			Qa l	1,169	14.4		do		S,E	S	Dug well.
	* 45-201	Taylor Allen			Spring			Pw1	1,340					Ν	N	Flow began in 1960.
3	* 202	do		1947	23	5		Pw1	1,353	6.0	Aug.	24,	1967	N	Ν	
ß	* 203	do		1947	35	5		Pw1	1,351	11.1		do		C,W	S	
1	* 204	do		1956	88	5		Pw1	1,337	4.2	Oct.	9,	1967	Ν	Ν	
2	* 205	Frank Allen		1954	35	7		Pw1	1,361	20.7		do		C,W	S	
3	* 206	do			35	7		Pwl	1,360					C,W	S	
3	* 301	Swenson Land and Cattle Company				7		Pw1	1,402	18.8	Aug.	25,	1967	C,W	S	
3	# 302	Frank Allen			35	6		Pw1	1,353					C,W	S	
	* 303	do			35	4		Pw I	1,358	20.7	Oct.	9,	1967	C,W	S	
	304	W. R. Moore and Son	Doris Dickson	1950	65	5		Pw1	1,393	22.5	Oct.	10,	1967	C,W	S	
1	* 305	do	Elmer Glenn	1943	65	6		Pw1	1,394	25.9		do		C,E	S	
4	* 306	do	do	1945	60	5		Pw1	1,390	12.1		do		c,W	S	
	^π 307	do		1914	60	5		Pw1	1,402	27.0		do		C,W	S	
9	* 308	do	Doris Dickson	1954	65	5		Pw1	1,402	30.6	Nov.	14,	1967	C,W	S	
3	# 401	Taylor Allen			65	5		Pw1	1,360	18.0	Aug.	24,	1967	c,W	S	
-	* 501	Mack Cooke			35	5		Pw1	1,365	13.4		do		Ν	Ν	
12.1	* 502	do	Elmer Glenn	~~	75	14		Pw1	1,368					Τ,E	D,S	
	503	do		1905		7		Pw1	1,367					Ν	Ν	

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	WELL	OWNER	DRILLER	DATE COM- PLET- ED	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DIAM- ETER (IN.)	DEPTH (FT)	WATER BEAR- ING UNIT	ALTITUDE OF LAND SURFACE (FT)	BELOW LAND- SURFACE DATUM (FT)	DA	TE OF UREMENT	METHOD OF LIFT	USE OF WATER	REMARKS
2	1-40-504	Swenson Land and Cattle Company				6		Pwl	1,372	22.2	Aug.	25, 1967	C,W	N	
*	505	do			**	7		Pw1	1,372	22.7		do	C,W	S	
	506	Mack Cooke			14 14	7		Pw1	1,383	24.0	Aug.	24, 1967	Ν	Ν	
ń	507	do		1960	61	5		Pw1	1,378	33.6		do	С,Н	Ν	
*	508	do			42	4		Pw1	1,370	18.0		do	Ν	Ν	Seismograph hole.
ń	509	C. P. Baker and Son			60	5		Pw1	1,369	21.0	Dec.	19, 1967	C,W	S	
\$	45-510	G. E. Williamson, estate				5		Pw1	1,370	26.8		do	C,W	S	
*	801	Swenson Land and Cattle Company				7		Pw1	1,416	16.2	Aug.	25, 1967	C,W	S	
	802	do				7		Pw1	1,416	15.9		do	Ν	Ν	
	803	do	Earl G. Wright	1966	60	8		Pw1	1,416				T,E	Ν	Drilled for irrigation, but not enough water.
ń	804	do	do	1966	60	8		Pw1	1,416	15.8	Aug.	25, 1967	T,E	Ν	Do.
	805	do	do	1966	60	8		Pw1	1,416				T,E	N	Do.
	806	do	do	1966	60	8		Pw1	1,416				T,E	Ν	Do.
*	807	do				7		Pw1	1,428	11.6	Aug.	25, 1967	Ν	N	
*	808	do			32			Pw1	1,446	4.9		do	C,W	Ν	Dug well.
\$	48-201	Don Buckalew	Ernest Knezek	1967	57	18-5/8		Pwa	1,187	20.1	Dec.	6, 1967	Ν	Ν	
*	301	A. B. Edsall	S. M. Edsall		24			Qal	1,173	21.8	Oct.	23, 1967	C,W	S	Dug well.
ń	302	Jerry Ann Portwood		1921	27			Qal	1,172	25.7	Dec.	1, 1967	C,W	Ν	Do.

						CAS	ING			WA	TER LE	VEL				
	WELL	OWNER	DRILLER	DATE COM- PLET- ED	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DIAM- ETER (IN.)	DEPTH (FT)	WATER BEAR- ING UNIT	ALTITUDE OF LAND SURFACE (FT)	BELOW LAND- SURFACE DATUM (FT)	DA MEAS	TE O UREM	F ENT	METHOD OF LIFT	USE OF WATER	REMARKS
± 21	-48-601	Mark Campbell	Junker Oil Co.		91	9		Pwp	1,205	55.6	Oct.	10,	1967	Ν	Ν	Drilled as oil test, plugged back for livestock water.
*	901	Lester Johnson	-		22			Qa I	1,172	16.7	Oct.	20,	1967	J,E	D,S	Dug well.
*	902	Wilburn Johnson			20			Qa 1	1,175	11.4		do		J,E	D,S	Do.
*	903	Hester Johnson			21			Qa I	1,158	17.0		do		J,E	D,S	Do.
\$	904	Linn Seedig						Qal	1,152					C,W	D,S	
$\dot{\pi}$	905	W. E. Bruton			18			Qa1	1,160	11.6	Nov.	20,	1967	J,E	D,S	Dug well.
†	906	Ray Perkins		1958				Pwp	1,154					J,E	D,S	
π	907	Frank McCarson	Frank McCarson	1943	22			Qa I	1,173	21.2	Dec.	1,	1967	J,E	D,S	Dug well.
ά	53-201	Swenson Land and Cattle Company				6		Pwl	1,481	30.4	Aug.	25,	1967	C,W	S	
$\dot{\pi}$	202	do				5		Pw1	1,505	37.8		do		C,W	S	
*	203	do			~ -	6		Pwl	1,505	29.1		do		C,W	S	
*	401	Fritz Steinfath	Fritz Steinfath	1926	16			Pw1	1,495	9.4	Nov.	21,	1967	C,W	S	Dug well.
†	402	do		1965	31	8-5/8		Pwl	1,498	13.3		do		Ν	N	1
ń	403	R. D. Johnson					11	Pw1	1,497					C,W	S	
đ	501	Swenson Land and Cattle Company			68	8		Pw1	1,555	39.2	Aug.	25,	1967	Ν	Ν	
*	502	do	Earl G. Wright		40	8	39.5	Pw1	1,538					C,W	S	
÷	54-401	R. C. Pirtle, Jr.						Pw1	1,659	2.6	Aug.	30,	1967	J,E	D,S	Dug well.

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WELL	OWNER	DRILLER	DATE COM- PLET- ED	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DIAM- ETER (IN.)	DEPTH (FT)	WATER BEAR- ING UNIT	ALTITUDE OF LAND SURFACE (FT)	BELOW LAND- SURFACE DATUM (FT)	DA MEAS	TE OF UREMENT	METHOD OF LIFT	USE OF WATER	REMARKS
*21-54-402	R. C. Pirtle, Jr.						Pw1	1,648	0.1	Aug.	30, 196	57 N	Ν	Dug well.
* 55-201	Norman McCluskey		1955	40	5		Qa 1	1,311	6.2	Sept.	20, 196	57 J,E	N	
* 401	J. L. Carpenter			14			Pwbp	1,404	8.3	Dec.	7, 196	7 J,E	D,S	Dug well.
* 402	E. C. Bruton			20			Pwbp	1,411	11.9		do	J,E	N	
* 501	Thomas Boyd			23			Pwbp	1,399	13.9	Dec.	8, 196	7 J,E	D,S	Dug well.
÷ 502	John Brockman			20			Qal	1,303	5.1	Jan.	26, 196	8 J,E	D,S	Do.
÷ 601	Raymond Wright	Raymond Wright	1951	19			Qal	1,251	9.2	Sept.	20, 196	7 J,E	D,S	Do.
* 56-301	Rufus Perry			Spring			Pwp	1,263	(+)			C,G	D,S	Known locally as "Mexicar Springs."
* 302	R. A. McNutt		1927	28			Pwp	1,291	20.3	Nov.	20, 196	7 J,E	D,S	Dug well.
* 303	J. E. Jennings			60	4-1/2		Pwp	1,254				J,E	D,S	
# 601	Van Franklin Moses			28			Pwp	1,248				J,E	D,S	Dug well.
* 602	Jess Barr	Red Glenn	1947	60	4		Pwp	1,246	14.7	Nov.	21, 196	57 N	Ν	
* 603	W. A. Babb			36			Pwp	1,251	14.3		do	C,W	Ν	Dug well.
604	do						Pwp	1,252				в,н	Ν	Do.
* 63-101	Tom Richards			11			Pwbp	1,410	8.7	Dec.	8, 196	57 В,Н	D,S	Do.
* 102	Tom Parrot			19			Pwbp	1,350	11.7	Dec.	7, 196	7 C,W	N	Do.
÷ 64-301	T. P. Holland et al.			19			Pwm	1,386	1.5	Dec.	8, 196	97 N	N	Do.
*30-08-301	Lee Cumpton			20			Pwm	1,211	10.0	Jan.	16, 196	8 C,W	Ν	Do.
302	Carl Sullivan			22			Pwm	1,215	8.7	Jan.	15, 196	8 N	Ν	Do.

* See Table 4 for chemical analysis.

(Analyses are in milligrams per liter except specific conductance and pH)

Analyses performed by Texas State Department of Health.

WELL	OWNER	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DA COL	TE OF LECTIO	DN	SILICA (SiO ₂)	CAL- CIUM (Ca)	MAGNE- SIUM (Mg)	SODIUM (Na)	BICAR- BONATE (HCO ₃)	SUL- FATE (SO ₄)	CHLO- RIDE (C1)	FLUO- RIDE (F)	NI- TRATE (NO ₃)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS	TOTAL HARD- NESS AS CaCO ₃	SPECIFIC CONDUCT- ANCE (MICROM- HOS AT 25° C)	рH
								Moran Fo	rmation									
21-64-301	T. P. Holland et al.	19	Dec.	8, 1	1967	10	249	37	390	250	700	487	1.9	<0.4	2,000	770	2,850	7.2
30-08-301	Lee Cumpton	20	Jan.	16, 1	1968	17	211	65	304	388	355	520	1.0	8.5	1,670	790	2,660	7.7
302	Carl Sullivan	22	Jan.	15, 1	1968	18	111	15	6	397	16	4	.9	2.0	368	338	624	7.4
							F	Putnam Fo	rmation									
21-48-601	Mark Campbell	91	Oct.	10, 1	1967	10	173	114	1,500	478	145	2,590	1.1	3.0	4,770	900	7,500	7.7
906	Ray Perkins		Nov.	20, 1	1967	18	305	171	740	437	2,170	328	1.6	12	3,960	1,470	4,600	7.3
56-301	Rufus Perry	Spring		do		18	92	18	63	283	35	78	.8	95	540	306	872	7.5
302	R. A. McNutt	28		do		17	93	21	151	289	45	217	1.4	80	770	317	1,300	7.7
303	J. E. Jennings	60		do		18	119	57	161	266	101	217	1.7	341	1,150	530	1,720	7.9
601	Van Franklin Moses	28	Nov.	10, 1	1967	17	119	72	141	397	56	350	.8	44	1,000	590	1,780	7.6
602	Jess Barr	60	Nov.	21, 1	1967	8	137	72	155	395	406	131	.5	88	1,190	640	1,720	7.9
603	W. A. Babb	36		do		14	88	28	23	386	22	30	.7	5.5	402	334	686	7.8
							P	dmiral F	ormation									
21-48-201	Don Buckalew	57	Dec.	6, 1	1967	9	146	133	1,000	401	550	1,590	1.3	16.5	3,640	910	5,640	8.0
							Bell	e Plains	Formati	on								
21-55-401	J. L. Carpenter	14	Dec.	7, 1	1967	22	97	85	288	433	252	405	3.0	55	1,420	590	2,240	7.6
402	E. C. Bruton	20		do		24	296	167	530	245	590	1,200	1.6	110	3,040	1,430	4,600	8.0
501	Thomas Boyd	23	Dec.	8, 1	1967	20	113	113	345	461	276	540	4.4	88	1,730	750	2,704	7.7
63-101	Tom Richards	11		do		9	101	6	73	137	45	112	.5	155	570	279	916	7.9
102	Tom Parrot	19	Dec.	7, 1	1967	17	86	45	36	486	24	33	1.1	< .4	481	399	823	7.6
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WELL	OWNER	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DA COL	ATE 0 LECT	F ION	SILICA (SIO ₂)	CAL- CIUM (Ca)	MAGNE- SIUM (Mg)	SODIUM (Na)	BICAR- BONATE (HCO ₃)	SUL- FATE (SO4)	CHLO- RIDE (C1)	FLUO- RIDE (F)	NI- TRATE (NO ₃)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS	TOTAL HARD- NESS AS CaCO ₃	SPECIFIC CONDUCT- ANCE (MICROM- HOS AT 25° C)	рH
							Ĺ	ueders F	ormation									
21-37-901	Frank Allen	47	Oct.	9,	1967	15	124	73	198	403	251	311	0.8	18	1,190	610	1,960	
903	do	31	Nov.	14,	1967	16	122	80	194	432	238	315	.7	17	1,200	630	1,940	7.4
904	W. R. Moore and Son	65		do		16	112	69	183	346	250	281	.8	26	1,110	560	1,790	8.0
45-201	Taylor Allen	Spring	Aug.	24,	1967	17	680	95	242	338	1,680	368	1.5	<.4	3,250	2,080	3,700	7.2
202	do	23		do		15	620	154	175	331	1,880	256	1.8	<.4	3,270	2,180	3,550	7.4
203	do	35		do		18	580	160	168	325	1,840	204	1.7	<.4	3,130	2,120	3,400	7.4
204	ob	88	Oct.	9,	1967	<.4	330	115	329	9	1,190	540	.7	<.4	2,510	1,300	3,440	5.9
205	Frank Allen	35		do		17	453	93	297	329	1,380	362	1.9	<,4	2,770	1,510	3,350	7.4
206	do	35		do		16	159	86	194	367	436	296	1.2	<.4	1,370	750	2,100	7.7
301	Swenson Land and Cattle Company		Aug.	25,	1967	13	102	58	111	404	231	114	1.2	.4	830	494	1,310	7.7
302	Frank Allen	35	Oct.	9,	1967	15	127	69	194	442	264	252	1.2	9.5	1,150	600	1,860	7.4
303	do	35		do		17	151	81	239	387	458	291	1.6	<.4	1,430	710	2,190	7.4
305	W. R. Moore and Son	65	Oct.	10,	1967	14	97	62	114	394	220	138	1.3	<.4	840	497	1,380	7.4
306	do	60		do		14	97	57	103	437	175	100	1.3	19	780	479	1,340	7.8
307	do	60		do		14	74	42	54	395	90	48	1.1	<.4	520	360	850	8.0
308	do	65	Nov.	14,	1967	1	56	34	146	20	191	258	1.0	<.4	700	279	1,250	6.4
401	Taylor Allen	65	Aug.	24,	1967	15	600	164	261	338	2,130	198	1.7	<,4	3,540	2,160	3,750	7.3
501	Mack Cooke	35		do		6	93	30	66	143	241	89	.4	9.0	600	356	968	7.1
<u>1</u> / 502	do	75		do		19	356	318	665	328	2,580	471	22	11.5	4,600	2,200	5,150	7.4
505	Swenson Land and Cattle Company		Aug.	25,	1967	25	154	122	215	262	620	339	.8	3.0	1,610	890	2,380	7.5

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21-45-507	Mack Cooke	61	Aug.	24,	1967	<0.4	10,000	2,070	43,000	28	1,560	90,500	1.9	<0.4	147,000	33,500	<12,000	6.9
508	do	42		do		4	33	9	25	101	46	16	.3	< .4	178	117	320	7.3
509	C. P. Baker and Son	60	Dec.	19,	1967	19	530	261	580	394	1,870	1,020	1.3	6.5	4,480	2,390	5,490	7.1
510	G. E. Williamson estate			do		20	209	82	146	366	520	224	.8	< .4	1,380	860	2,010	7.5
801	Swenson Land and Cattle Company		Aug.	25,	1967	12	230	155	188	209	1,180	178	1.2	< .4	2,050	1,210	2,540	7.3
804	do	60		do		< .4	112	117	179	7	840	189	1.0	3.5	1,450	760	2,010	5.8
807	do			do		16	144	73	152	375	430	188	1.1	< .4	1,190	660	1,750	7.6
808	do	32		do		15	610	89	130	320	1,610	145	1.2	3.5	2,760	1,890	3,040	7.4
53-201	do			do		19	560	239	393	329	2,060	570	2.0	4.0	4,010	2,380	4,590	7.4
202	do			do		19	620	98	242	342	1,640	288	2.2	< .4	3,080	1,940	3,540	7.4
203	do			do		20	610	155	235	344	1,790	330	2.2	< .4	3,310	2,170	3,690	7.4
401	Fritz Steinfath	16	Nov.	21,	1967	19	336	65	55	271	880	41	1.3	3.5	1,530	1,110	1,860	7.6
402	do	31		do		<1	63	39	49	129	245	45	.4	4.0	510	319	805	7.7
403	R. D. Johnson			do		14	620	131	88	321	1,800	117	1.9	< .4	2,930	2,090	3,000	7.4
501	Swenson Land and Cattle Company	68	Aug.	25,	1967	47	180	96	1,350	<u>2/</u>	660	1,780	•7	< .4	4,920	850	7,470	7.9
502	do	40	Aug.	30,	1967	16	376	75	70	361	1,000	48	1.3	< .4	1,760	1,250	2,080	7.4
54-401	R. C. Pirtle, Jr.			do		15	149	14	124	343	154	135	1.0	110	870	430	1,310	7.4
402	do			do		15	147	16	132	353	167	138	1.0	70	860	433	1,350	7.6
								Allu	vium									
20-33-701	Louis Sykora	10	Aug.	15,	1967	9	47	38	106	417	73	53	1.7	16	550	273	904	7.7
702	H. B. Rogers	19	Sept.	. 19,	1967	16	45	47	68	416	51	17	2.2	36	490	305	806	7.7
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WELL	OWNER	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DA COL	TE OI	F ION	SILICA (SiO ₂)	CAL- CIUM (Ca)	MAGNE- SIUM (Mg)	SODIUM (Na)	BICAR- BONATE (HCO ₃)	SUL- FATE (SO4)	CHLƏ- RIDE (C1)	FLUO- RIDE (F)	NI- TRATE (NO ₃)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS	TOTAL HARD- NESS AS CaCO3	SPECIFIC CONDUCT- ANCE (MICROM- HOS AT 25° C)	рH
20-41-101	Juble E. Wells	29	Aug.	15,	1967	17	64	44	283	590	166	214	2.8	7.0	1,080	340	1,740	7.7
102	Cecil Womack	32	Aug.	16,	1967	19	34	14	159	464	59	23	2.1	28	570	143	894	7.9
103	do	24		do		18	37	18	138	403	59	32	1.1	35	540	165	857	7.6
104	Louis Sykora	33	Aug.	15,	1967	18	66	18	157	448	70	42	1.3	115	710	238	1,051	7.7
105	Cecil Womack	40	Aug.	16,	1967	18	47	19	209	487	95	65	1.3	62	760	198	1,181	7.6
108	J. R. Mixon	10	Oct.	20,	1967	18	137	57	330	447	489	288	1.2	13.0	1,550	580	2,300	7.7
109	W. Morris Hannis, Sr.	15	Oct.	19,	1967	10	96	106	380	410	580	388	1.5	<.4	1,760	680	1,670	7.9
110	do	21		do		20	52	58	93	428	100	60	.7	51	650	370	1,040	7.6
111	C. C. Richardson	33	Oct.	23,	1967	13	40	40	116	405	63	64	1.6	19	560	266	938	7.7
112	A. B. Edsall	72		do		6	52	17	145	234	41	203	.4	5.5	590	200	1,065	7.3
203	Ethelene Easley	46	Aug.	15,	1967	20	67	12	133	407	70	53	.7	31	590	218	945	7.6
207	Tom Cooke	33	Sept.	20,	1967	21	54	47	188	510	86	102	2.4	110	860	327	1,360	7.6
401	Mark Campbell	31	Oct.	10,	1967	21	129	32	122	590	51	95	.8	85	830	453	1,300	7.6
402	F. Dwight Hamilton	26	Oct.	18,	1967	21	95	14	48	412	15	12	.8	5.0	413	295	677	7.7
404	A. W. Mitchell	29		do		18	68	25	130	411	60	92	1.0	22	620	274	1,033	7.5
405	W. P. Manuel	14		do		27	202	106	730	640	840	790	1.6	2.5	3,010	940	4,360	7.2
406	do	27		do		12	96	26	38	401	31	23	.8	50	474	345	770	7.9
407	do	27		do		20	71	42	60	372	33	31	.3	132	570	349	905	7.3
408	do	28		do		17	95	20	34	368	19	20	.2	60	446	321	773	7.7
409	Marvin Hickey	13	Oct.	19,	1967	15	66	21	58	307	63	40	1.4	<.4	415	253	700	7.6
410	A. W. Mitchell	15		do		19	83	30	281	510	109	288	.8	<.4	1,060	330	1,900	7.7
411	W. Elbert Curtis, Jr.	24		do		23	79	32	196	570	24	184	1.3	5.0	820	332	1,500	7.3

WELL	OWNER	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DA COL	TE OI	F ION	SILICA (SIO ₂)	CAL- CIUM (Ca)	MAGNE- SIUM (Mg)	SODIUM (Na)	BICAR- BONATE (HCO ₃)	SUL- FATE (SO4)	CHLO- RIDE (C1)	FLUO- RIDE (F)	NI- TRATE (NO ₃)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS	TOTAL HARD- NESS AS CaCO ₃	SPECIFIC CONDUCT- ANCE (MICROM- HOS AT 25° C)	рH
20-41-412	N. L. B. Davis	19	Oct.	20,	1967	20	44	33	198	459	99	119	1.6	28	770	246	1,250	7.7
413	D. W. Pace	36	Oct.	18,	1967	17	148	68	189	342	178	320	.5	187	1,280	650	2,060	7.6
414	A. B. Edsall	23	Oct.	23,	1967	15	33	37	85	418	38	16	1.6	15	447	234	750	7.6
415	do	32		do		13	51	32	154	500	65	75	1.8	10	650	259	1,089	7.7
416	Mrs. O. C. Cribbs	27	Dec.	6,	1967	14	62	24	163	570	34	66	.7	2.0	650	254	1,076	7.9
417	do	21		do		12	34	7	79	205	56	45	.6	2.5	338	113	546	7.7
701	W. J. Timmons	21	Aug.	23,	1967	19	424	351	1,380	423	3,220	1,110	2.3	315	7,000	2,500	7,760	7.4
702	W. Elbert Curtis, Jr.	23	Oct.	19,	1967	19	126	61	455	340	352	600	1.4	88	1,870	570	2,900	7.5
703	J. C. Smith	24	Oct.	20,	1967	18	400	227	1,240	401	620	2,490	1.8	336	5,500	1,930	7,880	7.3
704	Mrs. Ruby Lilly	24		do		17	217	144	710	445	331	1,260	2.1	231	3,130	1,130	4,910	7.5
705	Bob D. Bailes	32		do		15	89	40	340	460	267	281	1.4	55	1,310	386	2,090	7.6
706	do	21		do		20	97	65	277	620	396	128	1.5	10	1,300	510	1,950	7.7
707	do	15		do		17	65	38	286	451	155	260	2.0	47	1,090	318	1,800	7.7
708	Elbert Keeter	31		do		15	145	160	1,020	640	870	1,220	1.8	19	3,770	1,020	5,540	7.4
709	R. R. Roberts	20	Oct.	23,	1967	17	71	54	373	510	264	316	1.9	48	1,400	400	2,230	8.0
710	J. W. Roberts	23		do		19	102	133	590	500	395	890	1.6	38	2,420	800	3,810	7.6
711	Lyndel Manuel	30	Oct.	19,	1967	19	186	152	520	399	345	1,050	1.0	24	2,490	1,090	4,060	7.5
712	W. P. Manuel	24	Oct.	20,	1967	24	51	15	42	278	10	31	.8	5.5	316	188	535	7.5
713	W. A. Keeter	24	Nov.	20,	1967	18	218	98	530	382	409	780	.7	283	2,530	950	3,750	7.4
714	do	22		do		19	166	76	700	370	412	1,030	1.0	88	2,670	730	4,150	7.8
715	Venus Hulse	31	Nov.	21,	1967	6	89	101	409	285	466	459	1.0	200	1,870	640	2,760	7.4
716	G. E. Sorgee	40		do		15	72	43	235	394	130	275	1.4	38	1,000	360	1,680	7.8
717	Leo Ramsey	16		do		6	222	199	760	431	1,990	500	1.5	2.5	3,890	1,370	4,650	7.4

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WELL	OWNER	DEPTH OF WELL (FT)	DA COL	TE O LECT	F I O N	SILICA (SiO ₂)	CAL- CIUM (Ca)	MAGNE- SIUM (Mg)	SODIUM (Na)	BICAR- BONATE (HCO ₃)	SUL- FATE (SO4)	CHLO- RIDE (C1)	FLUO- RIDE (F)	NI- TRATE (NO ₃)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS	TOTAL HARD- NESS AS CaCO ₃	SPECIFIC CONDUCT- ANCE (MICROM- HOS AT 25° C)	pН
20-41-805	W. J. Timmons	20	Aug.	23,	1967	18	196	156	600	560	1,160	449	2.3	168	3,020	1,130	3,920	7.4
49-401	James Meng	30	Sept.	1,	1967	15	136	66	241	494	155	419	.5	5.0	1,280	610	2,150	7.7
21-40-801	Don Buckalew	20	Sept.	19,	1967	20	50	39	9	354	7	4	.4	<.4	303	285	531	7.7
803	do	21		do		<.4	249	84	1,820	328	<4	3,370	.5	<.4	5,700	970	9,380	7.1
805	do	13	Nov.	14,	1967	15	74	122	700	810	479	720	1.5	41	2,550	690	3,860	7.6
806	Polk County School Lands	25	Dec.	1,	1967	17	91	100	448	750	336	379	1.5	20	1,860	640	2,800	7.8
807	do	19		do		14	64	74	122	453	122	133	.7	68	820	465	1,320	7.6
808	John T. Davis, Jr.	15	Dec.	1,	1967	12	41	6	7	146	11	10	1.5	5.5	165	129	299	7.3
809	Polk County School Lands	18	Nov.	17,	1967	12	58	48	174	427	155	138	.8	13	810	342	1,340	7.3
901	Don Buckalew	33	Sept.	19,	1967	17	46	29	267	810	70	57	1.6	<.4	890	234	1,430	8.0
903	do	68		do		<.4	19	15	175	73	5	272	.1	15	520	108	1,046	6.7
904	do	20		do		17	95	29	175	314	133	227	.6	51	860	348	1,490	7.6
48-301	A. B. Edsall	24	Oct.	23,	1967	10	46	77	310	680	13	379	1.6	<,4	1,170	433	2,120	7.4
302	Jerry Ann Portwood	27	Dec.	1,	1967	30	96	75	151	650	34	228	.8	<.4	940	550	1,660	7.5
901	Lester Johnson	22	Oct.	20,	1967	22	86	25	66	317	42	91	1.2	38	530	319	900	7.5
902	Wilburn Johnson	20		do		20	15	47	140	376	60	83	1.9	80	630	233	1,031	7.7
903	Hester Johnson	21		do		16	81	51	386	454	153	465	1.4	55	1,430	410	2,390	7.7
904	Linn Seedig		Nov.	20,	1967	18	61	69	464	620	238	444	2.7	105	1,700	437	2,640	7.7
905	W. E. Bruton	18		do		23	146	64	402	381	247	620	.9	95	1,790	630	2,880	7.4
907	Frank McCarson	22	Dec.	1,	1967	18	109	57	249	384	65	474	.6	8.5	1,170	510	2,040	7.4
55-201	Norman McCluskey	40	Sept.	20,	1967	16	54	19	22	161	37	44	.6	33	305	215	528	7.4
502	John Brockman	20	Jan.	26,	1968	12	94	48	88	361	62	183	.6	<,4	670	433	1,160	7.7
601	Raymond Wright	19	Sept.	20,	1967	15	245	197	580	346	179	1,600	.7	<.4	2,990	1,420	5,090	7.5

 $\underline{1}/$ Sample contains 15 mg/l iron, <0.05 mg/l manganese, 2.8 mg/l boron. $\underline{2}/$ Analysis for bicarbonate affected by presence of 165 mg/l ammonia in the water sample.

Table 5.--Chemical Analyses of Oil-Field Brines, Throckmorton County

(Analyses are in parts per million except pH.)

Data from Laxson and others, 1960.

PRODUCING ZONE	FIELD	AVERAGE DEPTH OF WELL	AREA SHOWN ON FIGURE 10	CALCIUM (CA)	MAGNESIUM (MG)	SODIUM (NA)	BICARBONATE (HCO ₃)	SULFATE (SO4)	CHLORIDE (CL)	DIS- SOLVED SOLIDS	pН
				PER	MIAN SYSTEM						
Bluff Creek	Burch cook sand	1,275	22	5,960	2,352	35,604	56	0	72,500	116,416	6.4
Cook sand	Burch	1,312	22	6,160	2,156	37,513	76	0	75,500	121,329	6.6
				PENNSY	LVANIAN SYSTEM	4					
Canyon sand	Woodson	2,320	32	15,000	760	45,400	114	149	98,700		5.7
Strawn	Woodson	2,600	32	13,750	1,587	40,900	142	185	98,500		6.2
Strawn	Dickie	3,065	28	10,960	2,290	47,050	148	11	98,517		6.7
Strawn	Travis	3,800	2	11,280	1,748	43,160	116	68	91,500		6.2
Strawn	Manning- Harrington	3,950	11	16,650	1,690	51,267	135	70	113,300		6.3
Caddo	Woodson	3,900	21	10,680	3,418	42,980	35	12	95,070		5.6
Caddo	Marshall N.	3,958	16	12,803	3,790	50,603	23	9	111,800		5.8
Caddo	Lunsford	4,126	19	13,740	3,790	47,600	339	33	108,700		6.1
Bend Conglomerate	Batchelor	4,672	16	5,330	721	29,074	312	783	55,600		6.2
				MISSISS	IPPIAN SYSTEM						
Mississippian	McKnight	4,025	19	3,410	724	26,500	353	754	48,300		7.5
Mississippian	Dickie	4,800	28	3,092	708	24,670	404	680	44,400		6.5
Mississippian	Richards Ranch	4,600	25	3,045	427	23,994	354	781	42,844		7.1
Mississippian	Warren	4,514	30	4,080	815	24,750	332	698	47,300		7.3
Mississippian	Woodson	4,500	32	4,030	751	24,650	150	1,052	48,900	79,531	

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Table 6.--Reported Oil-Field Brine Production and Disposal in 1961 and 1967, Throckmorton County (Quantities reported in barrels)

AREA SHOWN ON	-1/	BRINE	PRODUCTION	DISPOSA	L INTO PITS	INJECTION	INTO WELLS	MISCEL	LANEOUS
FIGURE 10	FIELD	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967
t	County regular Area Total	18,980 18,980	41,270 41,270	18,980 18,980	0 0		41,270 41,270	0	0
2	Lendra (Strawn) Travis (Strawn) Travis (Strawn 3300) County regular Area Total	39,360 87,360 386,000 50,232 562,952	285,900 176,949 127,750 43,767 634,366	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	39,360 87,360 386,000 50,232 562,952	285,900 176,949 127,750 27,342 617,941	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 16,425 16,425
3	Miller Creek Area Total	10,950 10,950	13,140 13,140	0 0	0 0	10,950 10,950	13,140 13,140	0 0	0
4	Tier (Strawn) County regular Area Total	94,840 45,140 139,980	224,723 78,770 303,493	0 0 0	0 0 0	94,840 45,140 139,980	224,723 78,770 303,493	0 0 0	0 0 0
5	County regular Area Total	549,325 549,325	0	0	0	549,325 549,325	0 0	0 0	0
6	Curtis (upper Caddo) King King (upper Caddo) Area Total	953 3,650 1,394 5,997	697 0 511 1,208	953 3,650 1,394 5,997	697 0 511 1,208	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0
7	County regular Area Total	3,650 3,650	0	3,650 3,650	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0
8	Oinks (Strawn) Oinks (lower Strawn) P.C.S.L. (Mississippian) County regular Area Total	44,975 48,475 3,650 155,950 253,050	28,683 4,380 108,503 141,566	0 3,650 3,650	0 0 0 0	44,975 48,475 0 155,950 249,400	0 28,683 4,380 108,503 141,566	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
9	Elbert (lower Strawn) County regular Area Total	27,281 0 27,281	41,990 36,500 78,490	1,000 0 1,000	0 0 0	26,281 0 26,281	41,990 36,500 78,490	0 0 0	0 0 0
10	Bryle Northwest (lower	0	730	0	0	0	730	0	0
	Swenson 170 (lower Caddo) Swenson 170 (upper Caddo) Tom (Caddo 4765 feet) Valda (Caddo) County regular Area Total	7,300 18,250 0 176,295 0 201,845	3,554 3,567 45,600 147,355 3,237 204,043	7,300 18,250 0 25,550	0 0 0 0	0 0 176,295 0 176,295	3,554 3,567 0 147,355 3,237 158,443		0 45,600 0 45,600
11	Bessie Kelton (Strawn) Manning-Harrington (Caddo) Manning-Harrington	15,000 75,607 5,110 1,461,998	295,415 0 0	15,000 3,607 0	0 0 0	0 72,000 5,110 1,461,998	295,415 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0
	(Strawn) Mills (Caddo) Mills (Strawn 3550) Throckmorton (Caddo) Throckmorton (basal Canyon) Throckmorton north (Caddo) Throckmorton north (basal	15,750 0 87,600 109,500	36,000 5,400 96,867 53,122 0 0	15,000 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	750 0 87,600 109,500	36,000 5,400 96,867 53,122 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
	WRW (Caddo 4650) County regular Area Total	0 88,330 1,858,895	0 115,000 605,804	0 5,475 39,082	0 0 0	0 82,855 1,819,813	4,000 115,000 605,804	0 0 0	0 0 0
12	Bachman (Caddo) Bachman East (Caddo) Bachman East (Caddo M.) Bachman East (Conglomerate) Bachman East (Mississippian) Bruton (Caddo 4150 feet) C. G. G. (Conglomerate) C. G. G. (Lower Conglomerate) Ewalt Ewalt North (Marble Falls) Ewalt North (Caddo) PM (Caddo) Sunwood (Caddo) Sunwood (Conglomerate) Sunwood South (Caddo)	72,000 38,175 18,250 11,370 40,150 0 1,200 7,300 7,300 20,805 31,755 7,070 54,000 60,590	14,600 0 15,000 0 34,000 0 0 34,000 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 7,300 0 0 0 1,200 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		72,000 30,875 18,250 11,370 40,150 0 7,300 43,800 20,805 31,755 31,755 7,070 54,000 60,590	0 14,600 0 15,000 0 0 34,000 0 34,000 0 0 1,863		0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Table 6.--Reported Oil-Field Brine Production and Disposal in 1961 and 1967, Throckmorton County--Continued

AREA SHOWN ON		BRINE	PRODUCTION	DISPOSAL	INTO PITS	INJECTIO	N INTO WELLS	MISCELLA	ANEOUS
FIGURE 10	FIELD	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967
	Troy (lower Caddo) Troy (upper Caddo)	1,200	0 39,420	1,200	0	0	0 39,420	0	0
	Troy (Conglomerate)	365	0	365	0	0	0	0	0
	Troy (lower Conglomerate)	2 500	3,650	2 500	0	0	3,650	0	0
	County regular	681,214	74,602	4,760	0	673,175	72.777	3,279	1 825
	Area Total	1,091 744	183,135	17,325	0	1,071,140	181,310	3,279	1,825
13	County regular Area Total	90 90	3,738 3,738	90 90	238 238	0	3,500 3,500	0	0
14	Ben Rob (Caddo and Mis-	0	62,050	0	0	0	62,050	0	0
	Bohner-Kimbrell (Caddo)	365	102,200	365	0	0	102,200	0	0
	Bryle (lower Caddo)	32,560	40 824	0	0	32,560	10 821	0	0
	Caddo)	0	49,024	0	0	0	49,024	0	0
	Bryle (upper Caddo) Bryle East (lower Caddo)	20,880	18 250	0	0	20,880	18 250	0	0
	Bryle East (middle Caddo)	34,400	2,920	0	0	54,400	2,920	0	0
	Bryle East (upper Caddo)	36,500	43,800	0	0	36,500	43,800	0	0
	Bryle Northeast (upper and lower Caddo)	0	20,075	0	0	0	20,075	0	0
	Bryle South	7,045	0	0	0	7,045	0	0	0
	Bryle South (upper Caddo)	0	29,565	0	0	0	29,565	0	0
	Burk Gregory (Caddo)	41 975	7,200	0	0	41.975	7,200	0	0
	C. E. H. (Mississippian)	0	10,000	õ	õ	0	10,000	õ	õ
	Curry (Caddo)	18,550	36,500	0	0	18,550	36,500	0	0
	Diane (Conglomerate)	17 256	220 827	95	0	15 556	228 225	0	1 053
	Area Total	209,726	612,221	2,260	550	207,466	610,619	0	1,052
15	Jumbo (Caddo)	1,098	0	0	0	1,098	0	0	0
	McKnight North (Caddo)	3,000	7,300	3,000	0	0	7,300	0	0
	sissionian)	3,285	0	0	0	3,285	0	0	0
	County regular Area Total	143,530 150,913	53,350 60,650	0 3,000	0	143,530 147,913	53,350 60,650	0	0
16	B. C. P. (Caddo)	5,475	5,500	5.475	0	0	5,500	0	0
	Batchler (Caddo)	0	494	0	0	0	494	0	0
	Batchler (lower Caddo)	1,218	0	0	0	1,218	0	0	0
	Batchler (Strawn)	21,169	34,936	10 160	0	21,169	34,936	0	0
	Bee Cee (upper Caddo)	31,676	27,272	12,440	3,285	19,236	23,987	0	0
	Greathouse (upper Caddo)	128,665	0	0	0	128,665	0	0	0
	Greathouse (Conglomerate)	10,805	17,035	0	0	10,805	17,035	0	0
	Greathouse (Mississippian)	11,095	5 143	0	0	11,095	5 143	0	0
	erate)		5,115		•		5,.15		
	Greathouse Southwest	10 782	17 646	96	0	6 6 18	17 646	0	0
	Area Total	240,142	108,026	43,336	3,285	196,806	104,741	ō	0
17	Gentry (Caddo)	16,000	0	16,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Gentry (Pennsylvanian)	182	0	182	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	34,432	0	34,432	0	0	0	0	0
18	Poverty Ridge (Caddo)	9,125	0	9,125	0	0	0	0	0
	Area Total	9,125	0	9,125	0	0	0	0	0
19	Bailes	16,440	212,412	16 425	3 000	16,440	212,412	0	0
	Condron (Mississippian)	0	225,000	0	9,000	0	225,000	0	0
	Condron (Palo Pinto)	365	720	0	0	365	730	0	0
	G. B. (Caddo)	20 205	12,045	0	0	25 015	12,045	0	0
	Gober (Marble Falls)	86,140	7,456	1,095	0	85.045	0,794	0	7.456
	Leach (Marble Falls)	29 200	14,600	29,200	0	0	14 600	0	0
	Liles (upper Caddo)	59,005	36,000	0	0	59.005	36,000	0	0
	Liles (Marble Falls)	10,099	36,500	0	0	10,099	36,500	0	0
	McKnight (Caddo)	18,250	170 870	0	0	18,250	170 970	0	0
	McKnight (Mississippian)	2.774	0	0	0	2.774	170,079	0	0
	Mobile (upper Strawn)	1,800	0	1,800	0	0	0	ō	õ

Table 6.--Reported Oil-Field Brine Production and Disposal in 1961 and 1967, Throckmorton County--Continued

AREA SHOWN ON	1/	BRINE	PRODUCTION	DISPOSAL	INTO PITS	INJECTIO	N INTO WELLS	MISCELLAN	EOUS
FIGURE TO	FIELD-	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967
	Overcash (Caddo) Parmenter (upper Caddo) Parrot-Atkinson (Missis-	9,490 7,300 18,250	3,650 21,900 24,820	9,490 0 0	0 0 0	0 7,300 18,250	3,650 21,900 24,820	0 0 0	0 0
	Stephens-Shankle Wright County regular Area Total	14,600 3,660 356,892 1,349,453	0 422,216 1,217,002	0 0 46,650 109,040	0 4,380 7,380	14,600 3,660 306,637 1,236,808	0 411,836 1,196,166	0 3,605 3,605	0 6,000 13,456
20	Greathouse South (Missis-	10,024	11,948	0	0	10,024	11,948	0	0
	County regular Area Total	700 10,724	0 11,948	0	0	700 10,724	0 11,948	0	0
21	Jerald Cecil (Caddo) Schlittler Tuttle Woodson East (Caddo 4600) Woodson N. E. (Caddo) Woodson N. E. (lower Caddo) County regular Area Total	3,885 40,635 88,695 0 3,650 0 362,726 499,591	13,505 19,384 0 6,205 0 14,600 177,931 231,625	3,885 0 0 3,650 0 2,250 9,785		40,635 88,695 0 360,476 489,806	13,505 19,384 0 6,205 14,600 177,931 231,625		000000000000000000000000000000000000000
22	Burch (Cook) County regular Area Total	93,685 7,965 101,650	0 18,060 18,060	0 2,490 2,490	0 0 0	93,685 5,475 99,160	0 18,060 18,060	0 0 0	000
23	County regular Area Total	408 408	131,400 131,400	408 408	0	0	131,400 131,400	0	0
24	County regular Area Total	15,174 15,174	0 0	6,660 6,660	0 0	8,514 8,514	0	0	0
25	Brown-Harrington (Caddo) Bramlett (Mississippian) Irwin (Mississippian) Irwin North (Mississippian) McKeichan East (Missis-	730 0 21,900 7,851 0	0 128,155 0 18,250	730 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 21,900 7,851 0	0 128,155 0 18,250	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
	sippian) McKeichan (Mississippian) McKeichan (Strawn) McKeichan (lower Strawn) Morrison (Conglomerate) Murphy (Strawn) Richards Ranch (2800) County regular Area Total	30,000 19,975 6,000 68,150 3,500 10,950 947,057 1,116,113	0 36,500 0 	0 12,775 0 0 10,950 65,487 89,942	0 0 0 2,555 2,555	30,000 7,200 6,000 68,150 3,500 881,570 1,026,171	0 36,500 0 0 1,036,007 1,218,912		000000000000000000000000000000000000000
26	Florence (Caddo) Florence (Mississippian) Herron County regular Area Total	1,460 73,000 2,900 10,950 88,310	0 0 30,450 30,450	1,460 0 2,900 0 4,360	0 0 0 0	0 73,000 0 10,950 83,950	0 0 30,450 30,450	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
27	Hughes Odell (Missis-	1,200,091	0	91	0	1,200,000	0	0	0
	Mudge-Sloan Mudge-Sloan Medes (Conglomerate) Nevins Southwest (Gardner) Sloan (Mississippian) County regular Area Total	0 400 0 12,600 183,275 1,396,366	25,550 0 47,450 73,000 7,300 153,300	0 400 0 45 536	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 12,600 183,230 1,395,830	25,550 0 47,450 73,000 7,300 153,300		
28	Dickie Dickie (Canyon) Dickie (Strawn) County regular Area Total	328,000 5,200 2,465 74,122 409,787	0 5,475 91 78,470 84,036	0 4,500 2,100 390 6,990	0 0 0 0	328,000 700 365 73,732 402,797	0 5,475 91 78,470 84,036	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
29	Malcolm (Mississippian) Area Total	52,750 52,750	14,600 14,600	0 0	0	52,750 52,750	14,600 14,600	0 0	0
30	John Anderson (Caddo) John Anderson (Mississippian John Anderson South (Missis- sionian)	7,905 41,070 2,028	41,329 965 14,700	0 0 2,028	0 0 0	708 37,530 0	41,329 965 14,700	7,197 3,540 0	0 0 0
	Area Total	51,003	56,994	2,028	0	38,238	56,994	10,737	0

Table 6.--Reported Oil-Field Brine Production and Disposal in 1961 and 1967, Throckmorton County--Continued

AREA SHOWN ON	5151.01/	BRINE	PRODUCTION	DISPOSAL	INTO PITS	INJECTION	INTO WELLS	MISCEL	ANEOUS
TGURE TO	FIELD-	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967	1961	1967
31	Higgs (Mississippian)	11,650	21,369	0	0	11,650	21,369	0	0
	County regular	10,220	34,000	365	0	9,855	34,000	0	0
	Area Total	21,870	55,369	365	0	21,505	55,369	0	0
32	Dick Scott (Mississippian)	14,600	18,283	0	0	14,600	18,283	0	0
52	Wagner (Mississippian)	0	87,600	0	0	0	87,600	0	0
	Woodson-Allison (Missis- sippian)	103,660	21,685	0	0	103,660	21,685	0	0
	Woodson East (Missis- sippian)	42,290	30,797	0	0	42,290	30,797	0	0
	County regular	0	21,000	0	0	0	21,000	0	0
	Area Total	160,550	179,365	0	0	160,550	179,365	0	0
	Unlocated county regular	21,900	0	0	0	21,900	0	0	0
	Total	21,900	0	0	0	21,900	0	0	0
	County totals	10,664,726	6.396.766	440.081	15,216	10,207,024	6,303,192	17,621	78,358
	Percent of total	100	100	4.1	0.2	95.7	98.6	0.2	1.2

 $\underline{1/}$ Oil or gas fields as assigned by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Table 7.--Oil and Gas Tests Selected as Data-Control Points

WELL	OPERATOR	LEASE AND WELL	SURVEY	DATE
20-41-113	Bond Oil Corp.	Patti M. Anderson 1	Allen Hines	Dec. 30, 1963
57-501	Cities Service Oil Co.	H. W. Schlittler 1	Sec. 1648, T.E. & L. Co.	Feb. 24, 1948
21-46-901	Perkins Oil Company	Mabel Richards 1	Sec. 213, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co.	
47-901	Jim-Lee Drilling Co.	Fred Smith 1	Sec. 3082, T.E. & L.Co.	Dec. 1, 1953
48-501	Deep Rock Gil Corp.	J. R. Cribbs 1	Sec. 3014, T.E. & L.Co.	May 30, 1950
53-204	Cities Service Oil Co. and Sinclair Oil & Gas Co.	SMS Ranch 1-41	Sec. 41, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co.	Mar. 7, 1950
54-101	Cities Service Oil Co. and Sinclair Prairie Oil Co.	Swenson 99-1	Sec. 99, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co.	June 1, 1949
61-201	Continental Oil Co.	Ross Sloan "10" 1	Sec. 10, A.B. & M.	May 11, 1956
62-201	Warren Oil Co.	J. T. Davis 1	Sec. 163, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co.	Aug. 31, 1948
63-103	Cox Drilling Co.	Virginia A. Cochran 1	Sec. 252, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Co.	May 29, 1952
601	Joe K. Bailey and W. A. Lofton, et al.	R. A. Brown 1	Sec. 921, T.E. & L. Co.	Mar. 3, 1956

