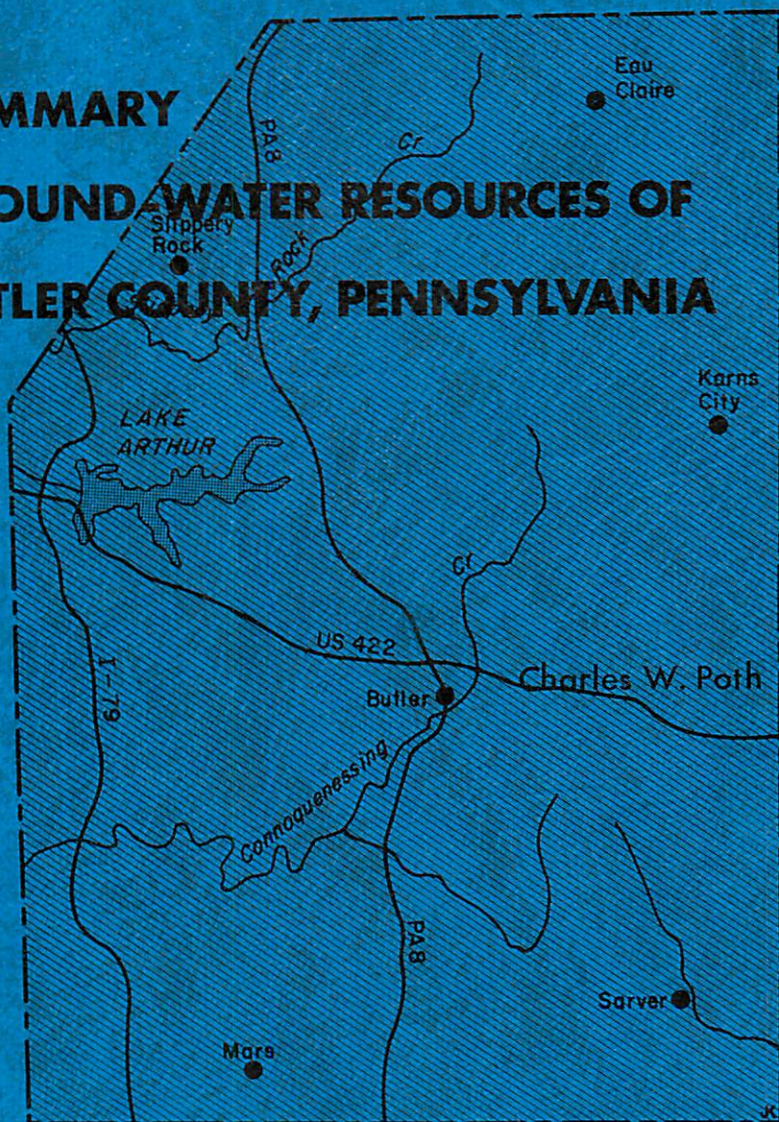




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PREFACE

This report is presented as a comprehensive description and inventory of the ground-water resources available in Butler County. With the continuing growth of our population and the expansion of our industries, there is an ever increasing rise in demand for quality water resources. Ground water, or subsurface water, constitutes one of the largest reserves of quality water remaining to be developed.

This report can be of assistance to anyone who is planning for future water needs. It will help to evaluate the quantity and quality of ground water available in any part of the county, and it will aid in choosing the locations, depths and conditions most favorable for the desired ground-water yield.

While this publication has attempted to include all available ground-water data for the county, the Pennsylvania Topographic and Geologic Survey will continue to collect ground-water and water well data for the area; such data will be kept on open file at the Survey offices in Harrisburg, available to anyone who desires the very latest information.

We hope that this report will aid users of water in Butler County to develop and manage their water resources so as to accommodate their water needs.

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ABSTRACT

The geologic units in Butler County include the Mississippian Pocono Group, the Pennsylvanian Conemaugh, Allegheny and Pottsville Groups, and unconsolidated Quaternary deposits. The Quaternary outwash deposits and some of the Quaternary lacustrine deposits are highly permeable and are capable of yielding 100 gpm or more to wells. Rocks of the Conemaugh Group underlie about two-thirds of the county. Reported yields of wells in the Conemaugh range from less than 5 gpm to more than 100 gpm; about half of the wells yield 20 gpm or more. The Allegheny Group crops out in the northern half of the county and along the major stream valleys throughout the county. This group is capable of supplying moderate amounts of water to wells. Yields range from less than 5 gpm to more than 100 gpm, and about half the wells yield 50 gpm or more. The Pottsville Group crops out along the major stream valleys in the northern part of the county. Yields of wells in the Pottsville range from less than 5 gpm to more than 300 gpm, and average 36 gpm. The Burgoon Sandstone of the Pocono Group occurs in the northeastern part of the county along the Allegheny River and the lower reaches of Bear Creek. It is an excellent aquifer; reported yields range from 9 to 260 gpm and average 82 gpm.

High iron content is the main water quality problem in the county. In 23 of 48 samples analyzed, iron concentrations exceed the maximum recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.

There is no known overdraft of ground water anywhere in the county, except in the vicinity of active mines, where the water table is being lowered to facilitate mining.

The locations of sources of pollution, such as sanitary landfills and septic tanks, are a major factor in the selection of well sites. The discharge from abandoned strip and deep mines is a major source of pollution. The hundreds of oil and gas wells that were abandoned and not properly plugged are another source of pollution. In many of these wells, salt water has moved up the boreholes and contaminated shallow freshwater aquifers.

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This report is part of a program to summarize the ground-water resources of Pennsylvania in a series of county reports that will be easy to read and suitable for widespread distribution. It contains a general description of the aquifers in the county, a geologic map, a well location map, and data on the depth and yield of wells and the chemical quality of ground water.

LOCATION AND GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

Butler County encompasses an area of about 795 square miles in west-central Pennsylvania (Figure 1). The county is bordered on the north by Venango County, on the east by Armstrong County, on the south by Allegheny County, and on the west by Mercer, Lawrence, and Beaver Counties. The city of Butler, the county seat, is 34 miles north of Pittsburgh and 218 miles northwest of Harrisburg.

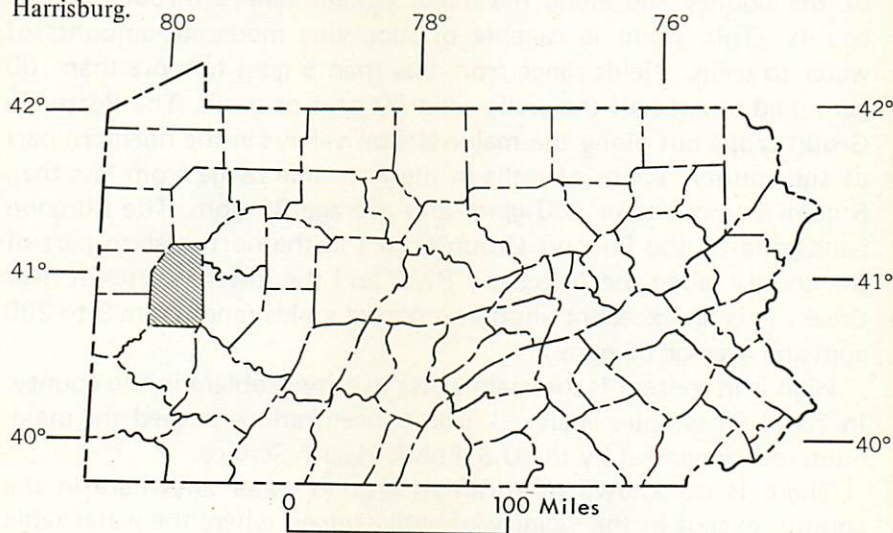


Figure 1. Location of Butler County.

POPULATION TRENDS

The population of Butler County during most of the last 50 years has grown at a slowly increasing rate. In the last decade, however, the rate has been about the same as that of the 1950 to 1960 decade. Table 1 shows the results of the decennial census from 1920 to 1970. The 1970 population density in the county was about 160 persons per square mile.

Table 1. *Population of Butler County, 1920-1970*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1920	77,270
1930	80,480
1940	87,590
1950	97,320
1960	114,639
1970	127,941

LANDFORMS

Butler County is in the west-central part of the Appalachian Plateaus province. Its surface is characterized by rounded hills and steep-sided valleys. Flat upland surfaces are rare and, where present, are small. Flood plains are present along some of the streams, especially Connoquenessing Creek and its tributaries.

The western three-fourths of the county is drained by Slippery Rock, Muddy, and Connoquenessing Creeks, which flow into the Beaver River. The eastern fourth of the county drains to the Allegheny River, which touches only the northeast and southeast corners of Butler County.

The highest land is in the eastern part of the county, where some of the hilltops in the vicinity of Eau Claire and Annisville are more than 1580 feet above mean sea level. The lowest part of the county is the southeast corner, where it touches the Allegheny River. The pool level of the river at this point is 745 feet above mean sea level. The lowest point in the western part of the county lies at about 900 feet on the Connoquenessing Creek west of Zelienople. Local relief is 200 to 300 feet.

LAND USE IN THE 1960'S

Data from the Butler County Planning Commission show that about 45 percent of the county, or 228,000 acres, was farmland in 1970. This amounts to a decrease of 17 percent, or 87,000 acres, since 1940. The number of farms decreased, as did the total acreage; however, the average size of the farms increased about 30 percent, from 70 to 100 acres. The principal farm products are corn, wheat, and dairy products.

Residential use of the land continued to expand during the 1960's. Plans to develop land for residential use were filed on more than 2300 acres, though building did not take place on all the properties. The average size lot was about a half acre.

Industrial acreage increased by about 700 acres, of which 480 acres were acquired by Armco Steel Company at Butler.

Recreational use of the land expanded in the 1960's. Moraine State Park and its corridors to Jennings Blazing Star Nature Reserve and Old Stone House were constructed on 16,000 acres. The park includes the 3225-acre Lake Arthur on the site of Glacial Lake Watts. (See section on unconsolidated deposits.) Second largest is Alameda Park, which occupies about 400 acres on the northwest corner of the city of Butler. Several other communities have parks, though all are not new. Zelienople and Harmony share a 27-acre community park; and Chicora, East Butler, Kams City, Portersville, Slippery Rock and Cranberry Township each have a park ranging in size from 5 to 20 acres.

Fifteen hundred acres of land were acquired for highway right-of-way. The major part of this land was along Interstate Route 79; smaller amounts lay along the Allegheny Valley Expressway and Interstate Route 80.

The county contains about 655 strip mines covering 17,500 acres; most of them now abandoned. Six of eight active sanitary landfills and three recently abandoned ones are in strip pits. Increasingly strict regulations have curtailed strip mining in recent years and brought about an increase in deep mining.

WHERE THE WATER COMES FROM HYDROLOGIC CYCLE

Water is one of our most important resources, and it constitutes the major part of most living things. Man's existence depends upon it, yet water supplies are taken for granted by most individuals. As shown in Figure 2, water evaporates from the oceans and is carried as vapor until it condenses and falls as precipitation. Most of the precipitation that falls on the land either is used by vegetation, evaporates back to the atmosphere, or runs overland as streamflow. Part enters the soil and bedrock to recharge water-bearing formations, called aquifers. The water moves at a varying pace, depending on its environment, but eventually it returns to the oceans.

If man interrupts or changes the hydrologic cycle he may cause effects which last for many years. Man-made changes in the hydrologic cycle in Butler County are discussed later in the report.

PRECIPITATION

Precipitation is the source of all fresh water in the county. The average yearly precipitation from 1961 to 1970 was 36.64 inches at Butler and 35.81 inches at Slippery Rock (U.S. Department of Commerce, 1969). Not all the water in the streams, however, is from precipitation on the county, as some streams carry runoff from areas outside the county.

Precipitation is usually distributed evenly throughout the year. The summer has a little more rainfall than the other seasons. Much of the summer rain comes

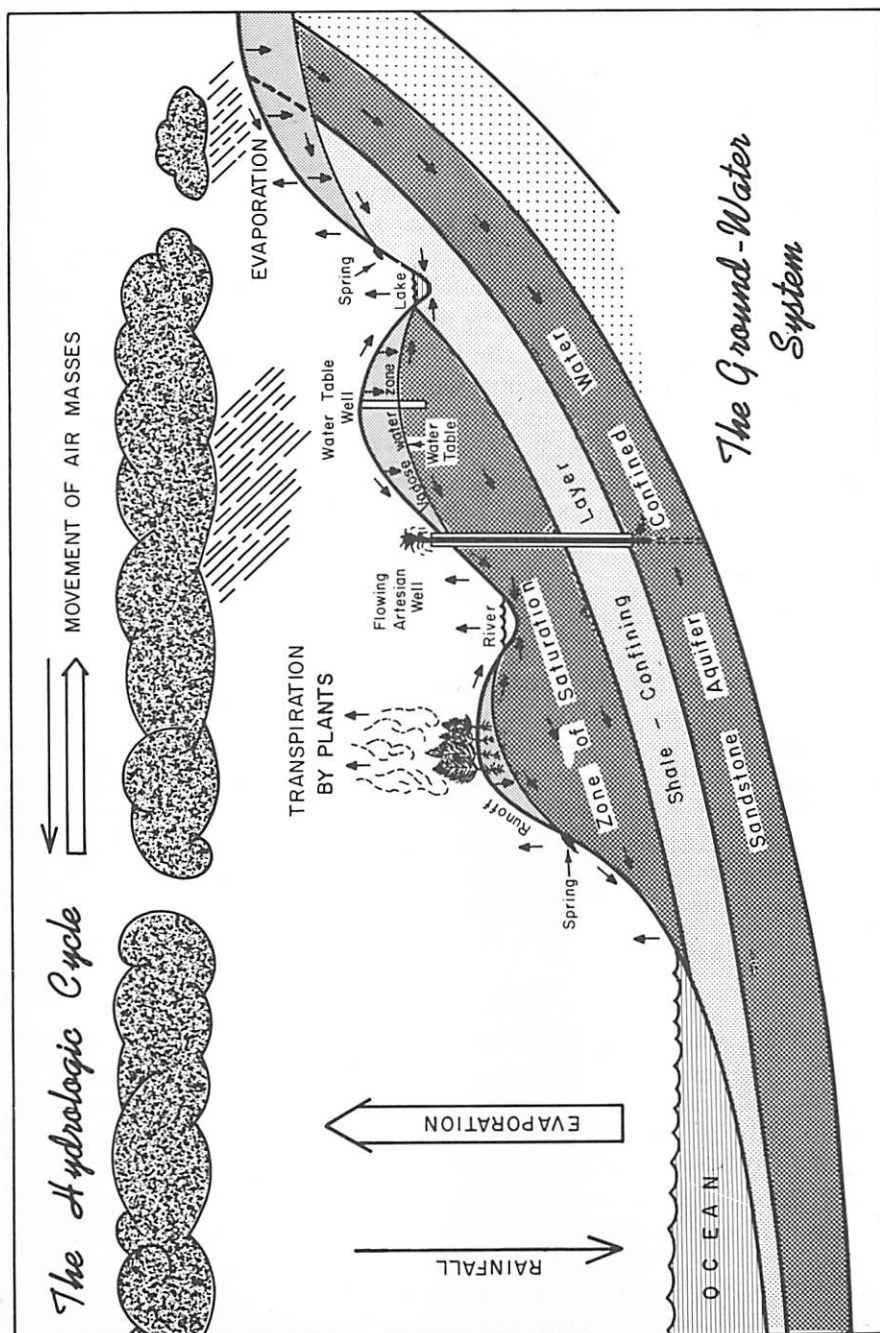


Figure 2. Hydrologic cycle showing movement of water from ocean to land and back to ocean.

as intense storms of short duration. About one-tenth of the total precipitation is snow.

WHERE THE WATER GOES

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

Evapotranspiration is a collective term describing the return, through the sun's energy, of water to the atmosphere as vapor. In the transpiration process, soil moisture returns to the atmosphere as a by-product of plant growth. In the evaporation process, water changes directly from a liquid to a vapor. The total annual water loss from Butler County by both evaporation and transpiration is about 19 inches. The evaporation rate from free water surfaces, however, is greater than the combined evapotranspiration rate from other surfaces. Measurements of evaporation from a free water surface by the U.S. Weather Bureau at their station at Ford City, Armstrong County, the nearest station to Butler County where such measurements have been made, show an average annual evaporation of about 28 inches. Direct measurements of transpiration have not been made.

STREAMFLOW

Most of the water not lost through evapotranspiration leaves the county as discharge from streams. This discharge accounts for about 17 inches of the original precipitation on the area. The larger streams and the locations of gaging stations that measure streamflow in Butler County are shown in Plate 1. Identification numbers are those assigned by the U.S. Geological Survey. A summary of discharge data for the gaging stations is given in Table 2. More detailed information on streamflow can be obtained from *Surface Water Records for Pennsylvania*, published annually by the U.S. Geological Survey (1970).

GROUND WATER

Much of the water falling on the land surface returns to the atmosphere or reaches the streams as overland runoff. Part infiltrates the soil and moves through fractures and other void spaces in the underlying rock. Its downward movement continues until it reaches the water table, below which all the interconnected voids are filled with water. This is illustrated in Figure 3. After reaching the zone of saturation, the water moves downward and laterally toward lower elevations and eventually returns to land surface, either from springs or from wells.

Ground water occurs under both water-table and artesian conditions. Water-table conditions are those in which ground water is unconfined, and the upper surface of the water, or water table, is free to rise or fall. Artesian conditions

Table 2. Discharge Data for the Gaged Streams in Butler County

Station number	Location	Length of record (years)	Average discharge (cfs)	Maximum discharge (cfs)	Date of maximum discharge	Minimum discharge (cfs)	Date of minimum discharge
1060	Connoquenessing Creek ¹	1919 to present	485	23,000	June 29, 1924	6	July 21-23, 1936
1063	Muddy Creek	1963 to present	61.2	1,640	March 10, 1964	0.4	September 17, 1966

¹ Station is 8.8 miles downstream from the Butler County line. Approximately 93 percent of the basin area upstream from this station lies in Butler County.

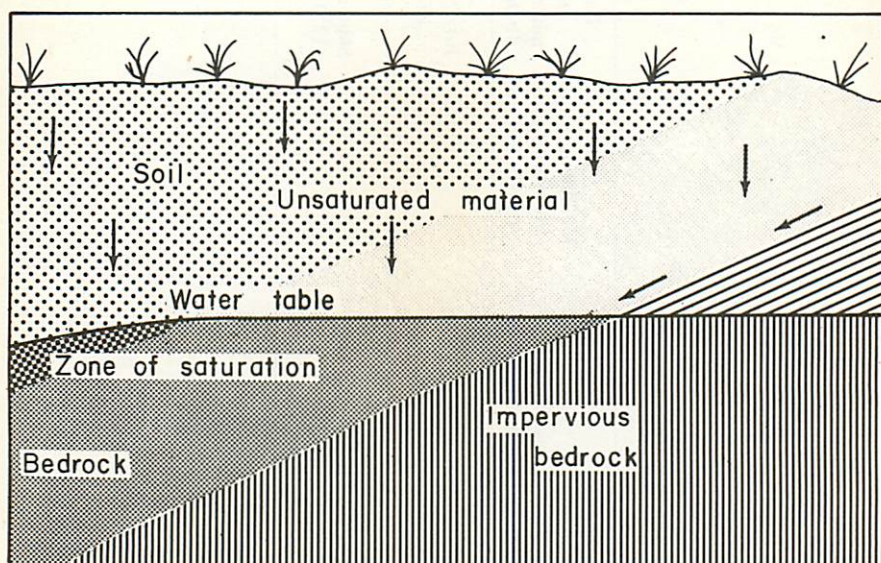


Figure 3. Movement of water through soil and rock to the water table.

exist where ground water is confined in a permeable rock (having interconnected openings) that is overlain by a relatively impermeable rock. The upper surface is not free to rise or fall, but the water is under enough pressure to rise above the containing aquifer in wells that penetrate the aquifer.

The water table fluctuates according to the relative amounts of recharge (additions to the aquifer) and discharge (losses through springs and wells). Because large evapotranspiration losses occur during the growing season (April to October), little recharge reaches the zone of saturation during that period, and water levels decline. Water levels generally rise throughout the rest of the year.

Water levels in the county are at or near the land surface in the valleys and rise under the hilltops and ridges. The rate of water-level rise, however, is less than that of the land surface, so depths to water at the higher elevations are greater than those in the valleys. The water table, therefore, is a subdued replica of the land surface. Because wells drilled in valleys generally encounter water at shallower depths than wells drilled on hills, they have more available drawdown than a hill well of the same depth and are less likely to go dry during droughts.

Ground water occurs in and moves through interconnected openings in rocks (Figure 4), either of primary or secondary origin. Primary openings are the spaces between individual grains and occur chiefly in unconsolidated material. Secondary openings are those formed after the consolidation and cementation of the sediments into rock and usually result from the fracture or solution of the rock. The fractures are the result of external forces that caused rupture of the

rock. Solution cavities are formed by the solution and removal by water of parts of rocks, such as limestone.

Ground-Water Quality

As precipitation enters the ground, it dissolves parts of the soil and rock and, thus, picks up various mineral constituents. The changes that occur in the chemical quality of the water in the bedrock are discussed more thoroughly in a later section. Ground water usually contains more dissolved mineral matter than surface water, and occasionally may contain so much dissolved matter that it is not fit to drink. Water containing more than 500 mg/l (milligrams per liter) dissolved solids is not considered desirable for domestic supplies, though more highly mineralized water is used where better water is not available. The soil and rocks through which the ground water percolates tend to screen out solid suspended materials and bacteria so that the ground water is generally clear, and has fewer bacteria than surface water. The temperature of ground water is fairly uniform throughout the year.

Analyses of 48 samples of well water are listed in Table 3. One sample is from a well in glacial outwash; five samples are from wells in the Conemaugh Group; 18 from wells in the Allegheny Group; 15 from wells in the Pottsville Group; one from freshwater sand and two from brine-filled sand of Devonian age; and five from partly plugged flowing wells whose aquifer is unidentified.

High iron content is the main water-quality problem encountered by most users of ground water in the county. Iron concentrations exceed the maximum (0.3 mg/l) recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service (1962) in 23 of the samples. The samples exceed the maximum dissolved-solids content (500 mg/l) recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.

An analysis of water from Connoquenessing Creek at Butler (Station 1056) is also given.

HOW AND WHERE GROUND WATER IS FOUND

Ground water in Butler County occurs under both artesian and water-table conditions. Reported well yields range from less than 1 to 500 gpm (gallons per minute). Data on about 380 wells drilled in the several geologic formations that underlie the county are listed in Table 4. Plate 1 shows the locations of the wells and the areas of the geologic units exposed at the surface or beneath the unconsolidated deposits.

A summary of the water-bearing characteristics of the geologic units in Butler County follows. Sample logs of several wells are shown in Table 5. These sample logs are representative of the variety of rocks encountered in drilling in this county. A composite stratigraphic section of the rocks exposed in Butler County is given in Table 6.

Table 3. Chemical Analyses of Ground Water in Butler County

Aquifer: Qio, Illinoian outwash; P c, Conemaugh Group; P cs, Glenshaw Formation, Saltsburg Sandstone Member; P cbc, Glenshaw Formation, Brush Creek Limestone Member; P cm, Glenshaw Formation, Mahoning Sandstone Member; P ak, Kittanning Formation; P av, Vanport Limestone; P ac, Clarion Formation; P ph, Homewood Formation; P pm, Mercer Formation; P pc, Connoquenessing Formation; Mb, Burgoon Sandstone; Mm, Murrysville Sandstone; Ms, Squaw sand; Dh, Hundred-foot sand.

Station and well number	Aquifer	Date of sampling	Silica (SiO ₂)	Iron (Fe)	Manganese (Mn)	Calcium (Ca)	Calcium and magnesium ^c	Magnesium (Mn)	Sodium (Na)	Sodium and potassium ^d	Potassium (K)	Bicarbonate (HCO ₃)	Sulfate (SO ₄)	Chloride (Cl)	Nitrate (NO ₃)	Dissolved solids		Hardness as CaCO ₃		Specific conductance (micromhos at 25°C)
																Residue at 180°C	Sum	Calcium, magnesium	Non-carbonate	
Bt-13	Ppc	8-23-59	10	0.00	0.17	47	-	8.3	7.5	---	1.8	200	7.5	1.4	0.2	180	182	152	-	311
18	-	11-25-53	9.1	.1	-	35.2	-	8.5	--	113	-	108	1.0	198	-	518	-	123	-	-
20	Pak	5-3-48	7.7	4.0	.6	48	-	13	--	10.8	-	155	60	11	.1	288	-	169	-	-
25	Ppc	9-15-59	13	1.2	.77	77	-	13	4.2	---	1.0	222	65	1.2	-	300	285	246	64	474
27	-	11-25-53	10.2	-	-	36.3	-	8.5	--	2.3	-	116	15	14	-	248	-	125	-	-
28 ^a	Ppc	---	-	.2	-	---	15.6	-	--	78.3	-	218	4.8	16	-	290	-	38	-	-
28 ^b	Ppc	---	5.3	-	-	12.6	-	2.3	--	75.4	-	202	3.9	22	-	280	-	42	-	-
29 ^b	Ppc	---	-	.1	-	---	20	-	--	69.6	-	191	4.8	26	-	260	-	50	-	-
29 ^a	Ppc	---	5.0	-	-	15	-	2.4	--	71.4	-	198	4.2	23	-	278	-	45	-	-
29	Ppc	6-25-54	8.7	.02	-	11	-	1.6	--	77.1	-	216	10	10	.3	252	225	34	34	453
29	Ppc	10-16-59	7.1	.14	.03	17	-	3.8	78	---	3.3	252	4.3	9.2	-	260	247	58	-	453
35	Pph	10-27-57	9.2	.04	.05	60	-	7.8	3.6	---	1.8	178	35	4.0	6.0	214	215	182	36	362
43	Ppm	9-25-59	8.6	.80	.17	64	-	15	4.2	---	1.5	268	18	1.0	0.5	255	245	221	2	427
44	-	10-27-57	8.4	.10	.02	15	-	3.5	256	---	4.8	330	-	238	.2	672	689	52	-	1250
52	Pac	4-17-57	18	.14	.17	61	-	8.0	3.5	---	1.6	188	38	6.2	1.0	237	230	185	31	382
65	-	12-4-53	8.8	4.2	-	9.0	-	2.6	--	69.0	-	146	1.5	49	-	210	223	20	-	-
65	-	10-27-57	9.1	.06	-	9.5	-	2.6	78	---	2.6	154	-	53	.4	226	231	34	-	407
67	Ppc	4-17-57	12	4.9	.14	11	-	7.2	2.5	---	2.1	23	33	8.4	.3	89	88	57	38	151
68	Qio	8-18-26	3.4	.24	-	42	-	7.5	80	---	4.0	23	53	145	27	397	-	136	-	-
83	Pav	9-24-59	7.9	2.3	.15	114	-	30	5.5	---	4.3	262	207	3.2	1.3	520	503	408	194	760
84	Ppm	9-22-50	-	1.6	-	60.8	-	-	--	---	-	189	-	2	-	205	-	152	-	-
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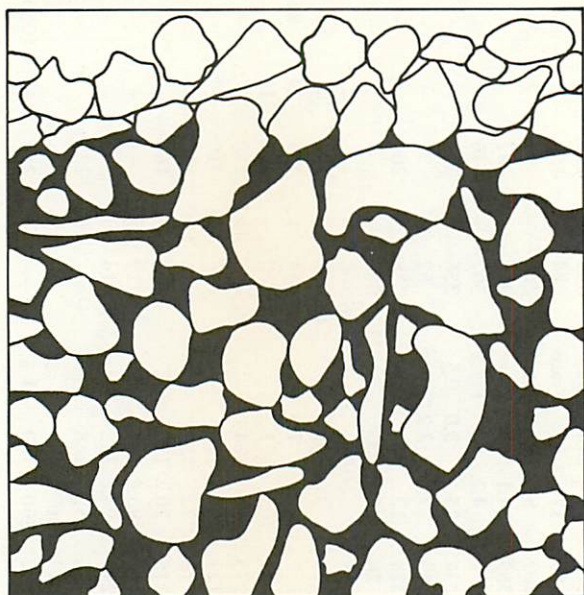
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163	Pav	8-18-26	9.0	0.37	-	87	-	9.1	3.5	---	---	264	40	2.2	Trace	279	-	255	-	-
166	Pak	8-18-26	12	.13	-	6.5	-	8.4	4.4	---	---	46	18	2.0	Trace	67	-	51	-	-
168	Ppc	8-19-26	7.1	.20	-	19	-	4.0	66	---	---	178	2.3	50	Trace	237	-	64	-	-
172	Mb	8-20-26	6.6	7.1	-	59	-	14	45	---	---	112	178	28	Trace	390	-	205	-	-
218	Pc	8-23-26	8.8	.12	-	23	-	15	216	---	---	279	7.4	246	Trace	663	-	119	-	-
226	Pak	8-23-26	8.4	.97	-	49	-	8.6	44	---	---	189	17	61	Trace	284	-	158	-	-
232	Pcm	8-22-26	11	.28	-	24	-	8.1	44	---	---	209	8.1	1.3	Trace	201	-	93	-	-
236	Pac	8-29-26	8.6	.20	-	22	-	6.6	319	---	---	355	4.1	368	Trace	916	-	82	-	-
237	Pak	8-22-26	11	.08	-	16	-	1.4	106	---	---	227	4.2	56	Trace	307	-	46	-	-
252	Pcbc	8-24-26	13	.20	-	60	-	13	11	---	---	234	25	3.0	0.5	236	-	203	-	-
265	Pcs	8-22-26	13	2.2	-	6.4	-	3.0	5.5	---	---	43	7.6	2.2	Trace	62	-	28	-	-
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302	Ph	8-22-26	-	52	-	11,300	-	1,860	-	34,740	-	20	42	78,900	-	132,000	-	-	-	-
309	Ms	9-8-26	-	51	-	8,708	-	1,470	-	26,170	-	58	3	60,000	-	96,500	-	-	-	-
209	Mm	9-9-26	-	49	-	975	-	200	-	5,077	-	434	3	9,880	-	16,600	-	-	-	-
311	Pak	11-2-70	7	1.4	.33	5	-	3.1	3.5	---	---	1	28	1.9	.2	44	43	25	24	81
349	Pph	11-10-37	13.4	12.44	-	128	-	13.8	-	296	-	61	705	131	-	1,370	-	417	316	-
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368	Pak	5-23-47	12	18	-	60	-	19.9	-	62	-	156	52	168	-	---	468	232	-	-
Connoquessing Creek at Butler																				
1056	-	8-23-67	-	-	-	---	-	---	-	130	-	92	230	150	1.3	---	-	244	169	1050

^aCO₃ - 2 mg/l

^bCO₃ - 3 mg/l

^cCalculated from hardness determinations.

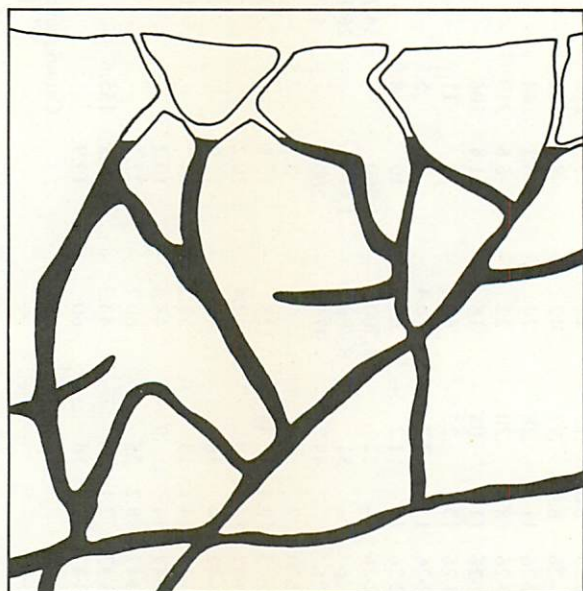
^dCombined sodium and potassium weights were determined by subtracting the combined equivalence of all other constituents from the total equivalence of the sample.



Sand

|←0.01'→|

Primary openings in unconsolidated material



Creviced rock |←10'→|

Secondary openings in consolidated rock

Figure 4. How water occurs in the rocks.

Table 4. Record of Wells in Butler County

Well number: Identification number that relates record in this table to wells location on map.

Location: The number is the coordinates in degrees and minutes of the southeast corner of a 1-minute quadrangle within which the well is located.

Use: A, air conditioning; C, commercial; H, domestic; N, industrial; P, public supply; R, recreation; S, stock; T, institution; U, unused.

Topographic setting: H, hilltop; S, slope; T, terrace; V, valley; W, hillside drainage way.

Aquifer: Qem, Wisconsin end moraine; Qgl, glacial lacustrine deposits; Qio, Illinoian outwash; P c, Conemaugh Group; P cs, Glenshaw Formation, Saltsburg Sandstone Member; P cb, Glenshaw Formation, Buffalo Sandstone Member; P cbc, Glenshaw Formation, Brush Creek Limestone Member;

P em, Glenshaw Formation, Mahoning Sandstone Member; P a, Allegheny Group; P af, Freeport Formation; P ak, Kittanning Formation; P av, Vanport Limestone; P ac, Clarion Formation; P p, Pottsville Group; P ph, Homewood Formation; P pm, Mercer Formation; P pc, Connoquenessing Formation; Mb, Burgoon Sandstone; Mm, Murrysburg Sandstone; Ms, Squaw sand; Dh, Hundred-foot sand.

Lithology: gv, gravel; sd, sand; sdgv, sand and gravel; ls, limestone; ss, sandstone; ssh, sandy shale; sh, shale; slss, shaly sandstone.

Static water level: F, flowing; +, above land surface.

Pumping data: gpm, gallons per minute; dd, drawdown; ft, feet; hr, hours.

Hardness: gpg, grains per gallon.

Well number	Location	Owner	Driller	Date completed	Use	Altitude of Land Surface (feet)	Topographic setting	Aquifer/Lithology	Total Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Depth (feet)	Casing Diameter (inches)	Depths to Water-Bearing Zones (feet)	Static Water Level Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Date measured	Yield (gpm)	Time (hour)	Hardness	Specific conductance (micromhos at 25° C)	pH
1	4100-7953	Wick, Ralph			U	1400	H	P c	18	48			9						
2	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.			U	1175	V	P ak/ss	124	10					50				
3	4106-8001	Isacco, Guy	H. I. Mong	1954	H	1420	S	P ak/ss	132	45			45	July 1954					
4	4107-8001	McConnell, Harry	H. I. Mong	1953	H	1340	S	P ph/ss	125	78			80	Aug. 1954					
5	4106-8000	Neely, W. H.	N.L. & R.L. Chase		H	1330	S	P ac	100	100			76	July 1954	13				
6	4102-8002	McKnight, James	James Dobson	1907	H	1290	S	P pc	276	210									
7	4101-8002	Cooper, Edward			H	1205	S	P ph	85	60									
8	4107-8002	Youshock, J.	McWilliams	1955	H	1390	H	P ak/ss	87	5			28						
9	4108-8001	Montgomery, Paul	H. I. Mong	1952	H	1365	H	P av/js	95	5			50						
10	4108-8000	Walter, Richard	H. I. Mong	1951	H	1297	H	P ph/ss	97	97			18						
11	4109-8000	Lott, Mrs.	John E. Williams	1951	H	1340	S	P ak/ss	26	26			11						
12	4109-7954	Dunlap, Clinton		1925	U	1383	S	P ak/ss	546	6									
13	4106-8004	Rogers, C. S.		1925	U	1240	V	P pc/ss	454	110			82	July 1955					
14	4105-8001	Pink, A. J.	Robert Ralston	1955	H	1378	V	P ak/sh	80	28			38	July 1955					
15	4100-8003	Ripley, Harry	U. S. Dean	1955	H	1220	V	P ak/ss	60	25			25		15				
16	4059-8001	Snyder, Neel	Braden C. Griffin	1955	H	1380	H	P ak	95				45	June 1955					
17	4103-8003	Slippery Rock Borough	Roy Keaton		U	1220	H	P ak	496	92			50, 150, 475	Feb. 1954					
18	4101-8004	Crestview Farm			H	1120	V	P ak	373	20			F		200				
19	4100-8003	McDevitt, David	Summerlea, Inc.	1955	U	1200	S		310	20			33						

Table 4. (Continued)

Well number	Location	Owner	Driller	Date completed	Use	Altitude of Land Surface (feet)	Topographic setting	Aquifer/Lithology	Total Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Casing		Depth(s) to Water-bearing Zone(s) (feet)	Static Water Level		Pumping Data		Hardness	Specific conductance (microhmhos at 25°C)	pH
										Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)		Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Date measured	Yield (gpm)	Time (hour)			
20	4104-8003	Slippery Rock Borough	Pioneer Drilling & Pump Co.	1948	P	1330	S	Pak/sh	105	43	12		40	Apr. 1948	50	12			
21	4104-8003	Slippery Rock Borough	Pioneer Drilling & Pump Co.	1948	P	1335	S	P pc/ss	406	185	8				85	167	9		
22	4055-7950	Northvue Water Co.	George L. Davis & Sons	1956	P	1300	S	P cm/ss	195	64	6		70	Apr. 1956					
23	4049-8000	Connoquessing Jt. Area School Auth.	L. Purvis & Son	1956	U	1280	H	P c	215	190									
24	4102-8006	Land, L. P.	Leise Brothers	1956	H	1110	V	P pm	76	68	6			May 1956					
25	4104-8003	Slippery Rock Borough	Roy Keaton	1953	U	1280	V	P pc/ss	436	80	7		13	July 1956			17	470	7.1
26	4105-8003	Ucker, C. I.		1935	H	1240	T	Qem		36			23	July 1956					
27	4105-8003	Ucker, C. I.				1160	V				5		+3	July 1956					
28	4105-8003	Slippery Rock Borough	Roy Keaton	1953	P	1160	V	P pc/ss	115		8								
29	4105-8003	Slippery Rock Borough	Roy Keaton	1953	P	1160	V	P pc/ss	128	112	8	30, 107, 115			55		4	450	7.6
30	4101-8004	Greenway, Don	Leise Brothers	1955	H	1200	T	P pm/sh	90	70	7		61		5				
31	4101-8005	Ralston, A. C.	Robert Ralston	1946	H	1230	W	P ac/ss	90	85	4		20						
32	4101-8005	Connell, A. R.	Braden C. Griffin	1953	H	1302	H	Pak/sh	92	60	5		38						
33	4101-8005	Barron, J.	U. S. Dean	1956	H	1310	H	Pak/ss	89	70	5		50						
34	4102-8005	English, J. P.	C. Dietrich Brothers			1230	T	P ph/ss	137	45	6						7	190	7.1
35	4100-8006	Moore, Clyde	Dewey H. Bupp	1931	H	1235	S	P ph/ss	100		5	80	58				8	200	
36	4100-8007	McClary, J. M.	Dewey H. Bupp	1925	H	1290	S	Pak	87				87				16	390	6.7
37	4100-8007	Davis, A. G.	Dewey H. Bupp	1930	S	1210	V	P pc/ss	150	39	6		54						
38	4101-8007	Brandon, Russell	Glenn Cunningham	1944	H	1150	T	P pc/ss	165	155			75				8	390	7.2
39	4100-8008	Studebaker, J. C.		1928	S	1170	V	P ph	92	50	10		51	Aug. 1956			13	350	6.7
40	4100-8008	Studebaker, O. N.		1927	U	1270	S	P ph	189	40	10		17	Aug. 1956					
41	4100-8008	Studebaker, J. C.			U	1155	V		302	36	8		25						
42	4100-8008	Studebaker, O. N.			U	1310	S	Pak	42	22	6		25				18	435	5.9
43	4102-8006	Boyd, J. L.	U. S. Dean	1956	H	1150	S	P pm/sh	105	81	6		52		10		15	430	
44	4102-8005	Cooper, H. W.			U	1100	V				8						3	800	7.0
45	4100-8007	Vosler, V. C.		1880	S	1140	V		745	42	8		+1				9	230	6.3
46	4100-8008	Osanton, D. R.			H	1230	S	P pc/ss	180								12	290	6.9
47	4102-8006	Grossman, W. S.			H	1220	H	Qem	5										
48	4102-8006	Johnson, W. C.	U. S. Dean	1952	H	1170	S	P av/ls	62	30	5		30				7	190	6.6
49	4101-8007	Murphy, H. T.	Robert Ralston		H	1176	T	P pc	106	90	6						10	285	6.7
50	4101-8003	Hines, C. J.			H	1180	V	P pc	155								6	450	7.0
51	4102-8004	Friedman, Jake			H	1180	V	P ph/ss	68	40	4		28				10	320	
52	4102-8003	Redmond, G. E.	Braden C. Griffin	1950	H	1245	S	P ac/ss	110	76	5		78	Aug. 1956			10	325	
53	4102-8002	McConnell, Earl		1915		1245	S	P ac	70	20	3		35						

54	4101-8002	Croll, D. W.	Allen L. Dufford	H 1130	V	P ph/ss	42	105	7	6
55	4101-8003	Carlin, D. N.	Uber	1954 H 1165	T	Qbl/gv	105	105	7	49
56	4101-8002	Guthrie, Aaron	Dittmer & Sons	H 1180	T	P pm/sh	173	150	6	64
57	4100-8002	Winter, Paul W.		1200	S					15
58	4101-8001	Lawry, J. D.	Robert Rakston	H 1240	S	P ph/ss	111	40	4	35
59	4101-8001	Velt, L. F.	George L. Davis & Sons	1920 H 1190	T	P ph	85			40
60	4103-8004	Hines, R. W.	Chambers	1955 H 1225	S	P ph/ss	100	60	6	13
61	4103-8004	Hines, J. R.	Thornbury	1930 H 1200	W	P ph/ss	112	80	6	19
62	4103-8004	Boyd, W. E.	Chambers	1943 H 1320	S	P ak	100	60	5	70
63	4103-8004	Hoffman	U. S. Dean	H 1260	S	P ph/ss	141	100	5	100
64	4104-8004	Hadley, L. L.	George L. Davis & Sons	1954 H 1210	S	P ac/ss	36	8		15
65	4103-8000	Camp Buccoo	Robert Rakston	U 1150	V		1135			F Aug. 1956
66	4103-8002	Long, Clarence		1955 H 1260	S	P ph/ss	70	31	6	55 Jan. 1955
67	4104-8001	Hartzell, Duane		1946 H 1320	S	P pc/ss	154	16	5	49 Aug. 1956
68	4108-8000	Cathart Hotel		C 1314	H	Qto/v	14			
69	4106-8007	Neely, W. H.	Walter J. Baldauf Sons	H 1325	S	Qem	14		24	10
70	4102-8001	Stoughton, S. R.	H. I. Mong	H 1270	S	P pc/ss	160	81	6	38
71	4108-8001	McClintock, Alden	Virgil C. Palmer	1957 H 1360	H	P ak/ss	78	4	6	58
72	4108-8001	Baker, Vernon	Andrew Belkirt	1957 H 1360	H	P ac/sh	141	95	6	
73	4058-8008	Highway Sand & Gravel, Inc.	L. Purvis & Son	1170	V	P p	85	68	6	50
74	4048-8000	Kidd, George		C 1380	H	P c	227	152	6	138
75	4055-8008	Dewdort Inn	Ray E. McQuiston	1957 H 1120	V	P ac/sh	30	48		25
76	4102-8007	Stewart, T. D.	Manufacturers Light & Heat	1957 H 1120	V		51	40	6	9
77	4101-8006	Homer, J. H.		1929 U 1188	S		1157	56	8	
78	4102-8004	Wadsworth, William		1918 P 1219	V		794	26	8	
79	4102-8004	Cline, Mrs.	Daugherty	U	S		853	45	8	
80	4104-8000	Hartzell, D.	D. & V. Eakin	1904 U 1297	T		777	414	6	
81	4103-8000	Sankey, L.	R. L. Gruff & Co.	1912 U 1242	S		1077	472	6	
82	4102-7959	Houk, Dale	Elmer L. Book	1957 H 1180	V	P ph	68	22	5	
83	4103-8004	Allison, Lee	George L. Davis & Sons	1958 H 1257	S	P av/ls	110	95	6	104
84	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College	Roy Stoford	1938 P 1317	S	P pm/sh	263			18
85	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College	Pennsylvania Drilling Co.	1953 P 1355	S	P pm/sh	297	175	7	130
86	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College	Pennsylvania Drilling Co.	1953 P 1275	S	P ac/sh	102	50	2	125
87	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College	Pennsylvania Drilling Co.	1953 P 1280	S	P ac/sh	99	65	16	10
88	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College	Thornbury	1940 H 1352	S	P ph/ss	250	151	8	149
89	4104-8000	Dechant, John	H. I. Mong	1949 H 1345	S	P pc/ss	178	135		148
90	4104-8000	Campbell, William	Braden C. Griffin	1956 H 1337	S	P pc/ss	211			25
91	4105-8000	McCandless, Howard	H. I. Mong	1955 H 1340	S	P ph/ss	67	20	6	64
92	4104-8000	McCandless, W. P.	George L. Davis & Sons	1957 H 1285	S	P pc	80	30	3	30
93	4103-8001	Doerr, N. F.	George L. Davis & Sons	1957 H 1223	H	P ph/ss	170	60	6	16
94	4102-8001	Osborne, Floyd	George L. Davis & Sons	1957 H 1248	H	P ph/ss	76	39	6	30
95	4102-8001	Gallagher, W. P.	George L. Davis & Sons	H	S	P ph/ss	108	49	6	60
96	4103-8000	Renick, C. D.		H	S	P ph/ss	101			30
97	4057-8009	Miller, H. P.	George L. Davis & Sons	1925 H 1320	H	P ak	95	6		60
98	4100-8009	Book, Frank	George L. Davis & Sons	1957 U 1295	S	P ak/ss	92	61	6	35
99	4102-8006	Slippery Rock U. P. Church	George L. Davis & Sons	1958 H 1168	S	P ac	65	36	6	28
100	4102-8001	Kennedy, Paul E.	George L. Davis & Sons	H 1177	S	P ph/ss	108	61	6	42

Table 4. (Continued)

Well number	Location	Owner	Driller	Date completed		Altitude of Land Surface (feet)	Topographic setting	Aquifer/Lithology	Total Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Casing		Depth(s) to Water-bearing Zone(s) (feet)	Static Water Level		Pumping Data		Hardness	Specific conductance (micromhos at 25° C)	pH
101	4102-8002	Fenick, William	George L. Davis & Sons	H	1310	H	1310	ph/sh	138	43	6	125			16				
102	4101-8001	Wolford, Richard	George L. Davis & Sons	H	1181	V	1181	ph/ss	98	41	6	46, 80	30		36		11	425	7.0
103	4105-7959	McConnell, K. R.	Braden C. Griffin	H	1280	S	1280	pm	47	23	8	14	14				10	450	7.0
104	4100-8009	Book, Floyd	Leise Brothers	1958	H 1339	S	1339	ps/ss	258	250	7	85, 145, 185	100						
105	4101-8001	Spencer, Crosby	H. I. Mong	1945	H 1180	S	1180	pm	100			50, 100							
106	4101-8001	Hall, William	George Suess	1950	H 1245	S	1245	ac	51	35		47							
107	4101-8000	Labov, A. P.	George L. Davis & Sons	1956	H 1250	S	1250	ac/sh	85						30				
108	4101-8000	Holland, Elmer	George L. Davis & Sons	1956	H 1267	S	1267	ph/ss	127	56	6	68, 115	60						
109	4100-8004	Arbaster, Henry	George Suess	H	1220	S	1220	ac	50			37							
110	4100-8003	Methodist Church	George Suess	H	1226	S	1226	ac	65										
111	4100-8003	Alexander, Albert	U. S. Dean	1957	H 1238	S	1238	ac/ss	70	16	5	70, 96, 128	35						
112	4102-8001	Birckbichler, J. A.	Walter J. Baldauf Sons	1957	H 1172	V	1172	p	152	60	6								
113	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		U	1175	V	1175	ac/ss	124		6				130				
114	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		N	1175	V	1175	ac/ss	352	90	6				115				
115	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		N	1175	V	1175	ac/ss	332		6		24		145	71	12		
116	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		N	1175	V	1175	ac/ss	412		6				95				
117	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		U	1175	V	1175	ac/ss	357		6		14	Oct. 1951	100				
118	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		U	1175	V	1175	ac/ss	290		6				125				
119	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		U	1180	V	1180	ac/ss	397		10				300				
120	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.		1932	U 1190	V	1190	ac/ss	551	154	10		60	July 1944	10				
121	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	F. A. Vogt	1932	N 1180	V	1180	ac/ss	225	146	10		60	Aug. 1958	360				
122	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	F. A. Vogt	1932	N 1180	V	1180	ac/ss	260	250	10				350	50			
123	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	Smith & Hefler	1933	N 1200	V	1200	ac/ss	125	63	8		30	Aug. 1933	95	20	48		
124	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	Smith & Hefler	1933	N 1210	V	1210	ac/ss	145	91	8		30	Sept. 1933	105	25	48		
125	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	Smith & Hefler	1933	N 1210	V	1210	ac/ss	209	165	8		54	Sept. 1944	220	60	9		
126	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	Wick & Roxbury	1937	U 1180	V	1180	ac/ss	475	170	8				60				
127	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	Wick & Roxbury	1937	N 1175	V	1175	ac	313	200	6		20	Oct. 1951	129	120	9		
128	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	Pennsylvania Drilling Co.	1940	U 1175	V	1175	ac/ss	180		12		17	Oct. 1951	30				
129	4100-7943	Daugherty Refining Co.	Pennsylvania Drilling Co.	1940	N 1320	V	1320	ac/ss	198	35	16		37	Mar. 1940	450	19	45		
130	4100-7941	Daugherty Refining Co.	Pennsylvania Drilling Co.	1949	N 1320	V	1320	ac/ss	130	28	16		69	Sept. 1949					
131	4103-8003	Kaufman, Robert	U. S. Dean	1959	H 1323	S	1323	av	102	80	5	55, 70, 90	87	July 1959				9	7.1
132	4102-8006	Myers, U. J.	U. S. Dean	1959	H 1170	S	1170	ac	71	29	5		30	1959					
133	4058-8008	Zion Church Parsonage	U. S. Dean	1959	H 1274	S	1274	ac	95	90	5	90	80	July 1959				12	310 7.1
134	4103-8000	Horrell, Robert F.	Andrew Beikert	1957	H 1273	H	1273	ph	74	18	6	60	45	Dec. 1957				9	350 7.4
135	4103-8002	Morshines, Don L.	George L. Davis & Sons	1957	H 1266	S	1266	ph					35	Nov. 1957	30				
136	4103-8002	Jeffries, William	George L. Davis & Sons	1957	H 1242	S	1242	ph	85	42	6	65			30				

137	4103-8002	Causar, Albert	George L. Davis & Sons	1957	H	1238	S	P ph	74	6	60	30
138	4101-8001	Morse, Carl	George L. Davis & Sons	1959	H	1180	T	P ph	82	31	6	38
139	4101-8000	LeDonne, Bennie	George L. Davis & Sons	1959	H	1150	V	P ph	34	21	6	15
140	4101-8000	McGuire, Thomas	George L. Davis & Sons	1959	H	1180	V	P ph	73	41	6	30
141	4102-8001	Greaves, John	George L. Davis & Sons	1959	H	1250	V	P ac	104	53	6	55
142	4101-8004	Steiner, Robert	George L. Davis & Sons	1958	H	1132	V	P pm	126	108	6	27
143	4106-8000	Cooper, E.	Walter J. Baldauf Sons	1959	H	1338	S	P ph/sh	160	86	6	88
144	4106-8000	Ciochette, Louie	Walter J. Baldauf Sons	1959	H	1340	S	P ac	150	92	6	72
145	4105-8000	Hogg, Calvin	George L. Davis & Sons	1959	H	1303	V	P ac	85	52	6	31
146	4104-7958	Klein, E. A.	Walter J. Baldauf Sons	1958	H	1180	V	P pc	82	77	6	10
147	4104-7958	Koler, Jim	Walter J. Baldauf Sons	1958	H	1196	V	P pc	67	65	6	65
148	4104-7958	Gress, Donald	Walter J. Baldauf Sons	1958	H	1182	V	P pc	110	100	6	105
149	4102-8007	Maycrott, Lou	George L. Davis & Sons	1959	H	1123	S	P ph	72	29	6	25
150	4100-7959	Devore, Mike	George L. Davis & Sons	1957	H	1240	V	P ac/lis	55	41	6	15
151	4102-7959	Stamm, Howard	Andrew Beikert	1949	H	1310	S	P ph	112	21	8	95, 102
152	4100-8004	Swope, M. C.	Hugh Collins	1948	H	1216	V	P ac	71	47	6	30
153	4104-8002	Reep, Dean	George F. Ralston	1959	H	1338	S	P ac/ss	64	42	6	28
154	4105-8001	Pink, Wilson	Manufacturers Light & Heat	1926	U	1200	V	P ac	60	40	5	45
155	4100-8005	Miller, B. S.	Manufacturers Light & Heat	1926	U	1200	V	P ac	776	176	8	15
156	4100-8005	Miller, B. S.	Manufacturers Light & Heat	1926	U	1200	V	P ac	795	155	8	25
157	4100-8005	Miller, B. S.	Manufacturers Light & Heat	1926	U	1170	V	P ac	1,110	143	8	30
158	4106-8002	Hockenberry, J. C.	Manufacturers Light & Heat	1944	U	1270	V	P ac	10,096			2
159	4108-8000	McGarvey, J. J.	Farrington	1925	U	1400	S	P ac	233			30
160	4106-8002	Brenneman, D.	Findley Surrena	1925	U	1269	V	P ac	169			25
161	4106-8003	Byers, J.	Findley Surrena	1925	U	1328	S	P ac	164			18
162	4106-7942	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	James Dobson	1925	U	1480	H	P av/lis	1,392			200
163	4106-8000	Dufford	Findley Surrena	1925	H	1320	W	P ac/sh	75	55	4	62, 83
164	4106-8001	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	Findley Surrena	1925	U	1320	S	P ac	40	6		25
166	4110-7959	Greene, Harry	Findley Surrena	1926	H	1440	H	P ac/sh	70	6	23	10
167	4107-8057	Silver Fox Farm	Findley Surrena	1925	H	1300	S	P ac/sh	30	6		96
168	4106-7953	Pittsburgh Limestone Co.	Mel Stalker	1924	H	1200	V	P pc/ss	116	6		45
169	4106-7953	Sack	Mel Stalker	1923	H	1210	V	P pc/ss	100	6		18
170	4106-7953	Pittsburgh Limestone Co.	Mel Stalker	1923	H	1210	V	P pc/sd	119	100	5	30
171	4106-7953	Pittsburgh Limestone Co.	Mel Stalker	1924	N	1235	S	P pc	150	6		18
172	4106-7953	Middendorf, Henry	A. J. Campbell	1924	N	1235	S	P pc	208	65	10	20
173	4100-7953	Golf-Kirby Coal Co.	Mel Stalker	1910	U	1200	V	P pc	250	8		65
174	4107-7952	Doke, Mike	Mel Stalker	1920	H	1390	H	P c/ss	120			F
175	4110-7948	Kerr, Bessie	Mel Stalker	1920	H	1250	S	P ph	116	60	6	
176	4108-7947	McCall, Earl	Mel Stalker	1915	H	1490	H	P ac/sh	188	150		
177	4108-7947	Beyers, S. H.	Mel Stalker	1920	H	1510	H	P ac/sh	160	80		
178	4108-7947	Stalker, Mel	Mel Stalker	1920	H	1460	H	P ac/ss	44			
179	4108-7947	Keystone Coal Co.	Mel Stalker	1919	H	1500	H	P cm/sh	51	6		
180	4106-7951	Slippery Rock Borough	Mel Stalker	1923	H	1460	S	P ac/sd	60	34		
181	4053-7958	Slippery Rock Borough	Mel Stalker	1919	U	1275	V	P pc/ss	200	6		
182	4103-8002	Slippery Rock Borough	Mel Stalker	1912	P	1435	H	P c/ss	20			
183	4103-8002	Slippery Rock Borough	Mel Stalker	1912	P	1435	H	P pc/ss	365	6		4
184	4103-8002	Slippery Rock Borough	Mel Stalker	1912	P	1435	H	P pc/sd	398	6		

Table 4. (Continued)

Well number	Location	Owner	Driller	Date completed	Use	Altitude of Land Surface (feet)	Topographic setting	Aquifer/ Lithology	Total Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Casing		Depth(s) to Water-bearing Zones (feet)	Static Water Level		Pumping Data		Specific conductance (micromhos at 25°C)	pH
										Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)		Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Date measured	Yield (gpm)	Head (feet)		
184	4103-8002	Slippery Rock Borough	Harry Schaffner	1925	P	1325	S	P pc	375	105	10	80			8			
185	4103-8002	Slippery Rock Borough		1926	P	1300	V	P pc/ss	475			80			36			
186	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College		1889	P	1250	S	Mb	300		6				9			
187	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College		1889	H	1310	S	P pc/ss	200		6				6			
188	4103-8002	Slippery Rock State College	A. J. Campbell	1889	P	1320	S	P pc/ss	275						17			
189	4102-8001	Oak Grove Dance Hall			H	1280	S	P ac/ss	102	35								
190	4102-8001	Always Inn			P	1200	V	P ph/sd	60									
191	4103-7959	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.		1917	N	1190	V	Mb/ss	332	52	12	80, 120, 240	20	Nov. 1917	260	4		
192	4104-7959		Edward Barnes	1895	U	1170	V	Mb/ss			6		F		100			
193	4105-7956				U	1180	V	Mb	300				F					
194	4105-7948	Standard Coal Mining Co.	Mel Stalker	1919	U	1260	V	P pc/ss	236	192	6							
195	4105-7947	Sims, Ross	Mel Stalker	1922	H	1470	S	P ak/ss	103		6							
196	4103-7948		A. J. Campbell	1925	H	1500	H	P ak/ss	180									
197	4103-7943		A. J. Campbell		H	1100	V	P pk/ss	18		6				0.5			
198	4103-7943	Bruin Coal Co.	A. J. Campbell	1924	N	1105	V	P pc/ss	150		6				15			
199	4100-8003		Ross Chambers		H	1250	V	P al/ss	50	22	6		45					
200	4101-7959	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	C. A. Porter	1914	H	1190	V	P ph/ss	53	32	6							
201	4059-7955				H	1318	S	P c/ss	75		6							
202	4059-7955	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	A. J. Campbell	1923	N	1320	V	P ak/ss	108	60	5	93, 108	25					
203	4058-7955	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.		1924	N	1225	V	P ak/ssh	80	62	5	60						
204	4058-7955	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	C. A. Porter	1910	C	1225	V	P al/ss	242	12		35, 140, 222	35	1910	10			
205	4059-7949	Hooker School			H	1395	H	P c/ss	130									
206	4059-7949	Kuhns, Will			H	1410	H	P c/ss	35		6							
207	4059-7949	Campbell	A. J. Campbell		H	1370	H	P c	70		5							
208	4059-7949	Ryder, Frank			H	1420	H	P c/ss	208									
209	4058-7949			1880	P	1150	V	Mb			12		+3		50			
210	4059-7943			1926	H	1215	V	P ak/ss	70				50					
211	4059-7943	Pennsylvania Refining Co.	A. J. Campbell		N	1215	V	Mb/ss	550		8		5		125			
212	4057-8008	Burnside School	Dewey H. Bupp	1926	P	1225	S	P ac/sh	81	65		72	35					
213	4054-8004	Roberts	Dewey H. Bupp	1926	H	1375	H	P cm/sh	80		6		45					
214	4055-8005	Bupp, Dewey H.	Dewey H. Bupp	1925	H	1400	H	P cm/sh	75									
215	4048-8002	Watson, E. A.		1900	H	1190	V	P ak/ssh	50									
216	4056-7957	Graham Service Station	A. J. Campbell		C	1310	V	P cm/ss	100	60	6							
217	4053-7954	Hendricks			H	1325	S	P	300									
218	4053-7952	Kosko Coal and Gas Co.			H	1080	S	P c			6							
219	4053-7952	Montgomery, H.	F. W. Smith	1924	H	1050	V	P ak/sh	92	20	6		42					

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Well number	Location	Owner	Driller	Date completed	Use	Altitude of Land Surface (feet)	Topographic setting	Aquifer/Lithology	Total Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Casing		Depth(s) to Water-bearing Zone(s) (feet)	Static Water Level		Pumping Data	Hardness	Specific conductance (micromhos at 25°C)	pH
										Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)		Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Date measured	Yield (gpm)	Time (hour)		
267	4048-7951	Trimber, C. C.	F. W. Smith	1924	H	1340	H	P cb/ss	102				80	1925				
268	4048-7948	Bachman, Willis	Clarence Smith	1925	H	1310	S	P cb/sh	140				98					
269	4048-7952	Bertner, Forest	F. W. Smith	1924	H	1290	S	P cm/sh	193	34	6							
270	4046-7950	Weitzel	F. W. Smith	1924	H	1145	V	P cb/sh	52	19	6		+20		200			
271	4046-7950				U	1120	V	P cm/ss	130	95			63					
272	4045-7949		E. C. Rudert	1924	N	1300	H	P cm/ss	103		6		12		25	2		
273	4046-7946	Standard Plate Glass Co.	Clarence Smith	1925	H	1310	H	P cb/sh	100				57	1925				
274	4046-7946	Fronck	Clarence Smith	1925	H	1350	S	P cm/ss	93	61	6		57					
275	4046-7945	Kennedy, Harry	Clarence Smith	1925	H	1330	H	P c ¹ /h	46				F		3			
276	4045-7946	Steigmeier, J.	Clarence Smith	1925	H	1235	V	P c ¹ /s	35	25								
277	4046-7946	Shearer, H. P.	Clarence Smith	1925	H	1000	V	P ac/ss	100				126					
278	4047-7941	Pennsylvania Clay Products Co.	E. C. Rudert	1924	H	1200	S	P cm/ss	151	101	5		150					
279	4046-7941	Denny, Flavius	Fred Rahiser & Son	1923	H	1190	H	P cm/ss	194		6							
280	4043-8007	Klein, Michael	Fred Rahiser & Son	1923	H	1150	H	P cb/sh	136	18	6							
281	4043-8008	Link, Harvey	Fred Rahiser & Son	1925	H	1200	S	P c ¹ /sh	96	24	7							
282	4041-8004	Baird, W. F.	Fred Rahiser & Son	1926	H	1100	H	P cb/sh	111	19	7		18		1			
283	4044-8003	Bunbar, W. E.	Fred Rahiser & Son	1926	T	990	V	P sf/ssh	83	21	7		90		1			
284	4044-8000	Callery School	Fred Rahiser & Son	1924	H	1125	H	P cb/sh	151	23	6							
285	4043-8003	Maier, E. J.	Fred Rahiser & Son	1924	V	1040	V	P cm	194		8							
286	4041-8000	Mars Borough			P	1040	V	P cm	90		6							
287	4041-8000	Mars Borough			H	1100	S	P cb/ss	145	80	6		105		5			
288	4040-7959	Cox, Grant	George F. Harbison	1917	N	960	V	P cm/ss	70	6	6		28		3			
289	4040-7959	Kranners Packing Plant	George F. Harbison		H	1150	S	P cb/ss	63	20	6							
290	4043-7955	McCarthy	George F. Harbison	1909	C	1200	V	P c ¹ /ss	28	18	6		150		110			
291	4040-7956	McNamy, James	C. A. Porter		H	1150	V	P cm/ss	165		12							
292	4043-7950	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	C. A. Porter		H	1225	H	P cb/sh	98		6							
293	4042-7952	Williams, A. T.	C. A. Porter	1920	H	1170	V	P cm/ss	75	50	6		35					
294	4042-7951	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	E. C. Rudert	1916	U	1060	S	P ak/ss	215	10	8		75					
295	4041-7949	Bessemer & Lake Erie R.R.	C. A. Porter	1925	H	1060	S	P cm/ss	80		8		55	1925				
296	4043-7945	Wetzel	Clarence Smith	1924	N	1100	T	P cm/ss	49		6		6					
297	4044-7944	American Natural Gas Co.	T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Co.		H	1010	T	P ak/ss	64	40	6							
298	4047-8002	Drushell, Phillip	Fred Rahiser & Son	1924	U	1300	S	Mm										
299	4103-7946	Kelly, F. L.	T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Co.		U	1390	H	ss							0.1			
300	4104-7945	Butler, A. E.	T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Co.		U	1280	W	ss							1			
301	4058-7952	Fleming, G. W. - No. 3	T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Co.		U	1275	S	Dm/ss							0.2			
302	4048-7950	Boyers																
303	4056-7948	Conway, C. H.	T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Co.			1225	S											

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										Depth (feet)	Diameter (inches)		Depth Below Land Surface (feet)	Date measured	Yield (gpm)	Time (hour)			
353	4041-7943	R. W. Cramer Dairy	Clarence Hepler	1940	N	1040	V	P cm	173	8	8				20				
354	4045-7948	Saxonburg Borough	Fry	1937	P	1260	H	P cb/ss	100	8	8		16	1937	20				
355	4046-7949	Saxonburg Borough	Joseph Nebel Sons	1950	U	1200	H	P cb	300	10	10		60	1950	20				
356	4045-7949	Saxonburg Borough		1958	P	1260	H	P a	300						90				
357	4044-7948	Saxonburg Borough	Clarence Hepler	1942	U	1290	H	P cb	150	6	6		50		20				
358	4044-7948	Saxonburg Borough	Joseph Nebel Sons	1947	U	1320	H	P c	400	10	10		60	1947	20				
359	4102-7943	Ultra-Penn Refining Co.			N	1120	V	P ph/ss	300	6	6		15		100				
360	4102-7943	Ultra-Penn Refining Co.			N	1120	V	P ph/ss	300	6	6		30		50				
361	4102-7943	Ultra-Penn Refining Co.			N	1120	V	P ph/ss	300	6	6		30		50				
362	4050-7955	American Rolling Mill Co.	Layne-New York Co., Inc.	1945	N	995	V	P ak	152	12	12		23	Feb. 1946	119	34	8	9	6.7
363	4050-7955	American Rolling Mill Co.	Layne-New York Co., Inc.	1938	N	995	V	P ak	478	75	10		18	May 1938	214	21	8	18	6.3
364	4050-7955	American Rolling Mill Co.	Layne-New York Co., Inc.	1945	N	995	V	P ak	115	38	12		19	Sept. 1945	142	28	8	9	6.5
365	4050-7955	American Rolling Mill Co.	Layne-New York Co., Inc.	1931	U	993	V	P ak	81	8	8		21	Aug. 1949				10	7.1
366	4050-7955	American Rolling Mill Co.	Layne-New York Co., Inc.	1947	N	990	V	P ak	150	24	12		20	Sept. 1947	406	22	32		7.0
367	4050-7955	American Rolling Mill Co.	Layne-New York Co., Inc.	1947	N	990	V	P ak	150	33	12		18	Sept. 1947	418	16			7.3
368	4050-7955	American Rolling Mill Co.	Layne-New York Co., Inc.	1931	U	993	V	P ak	165	8	8		23	Aug. 1949	25			14	7.3
369	4048-8007	Harmony Borough			U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	24	24	8		2	Apr. 1951	25				
370	4048-8007	Harmony Borough			U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	24	24	6		2	Apr. 1951	25				
371	4048-8007	Harmony Borough			U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	24	24	6		2	Apr. 1951	25				
372	4048-8007	Harmony Borough			U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	19	8	8		2	Apr. 1951	25				
373	4048-8007	Harmony Borough			U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	21	8	8		2	Apr. 1951	25				
374	4048-8007	Harmony Borough		1945	U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	19	10	10		1	Apr. 1951	25				
375	4048-8007	Harmony Borough		1945	U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	20	10	10		1	Apr. 1951	25				
376	4048-8007	Harmony Borough			U	920	V	Qgl/sdgv	22	8	8		4	Apr. 1951					
377	4056-7944	Chicora Water Co.		1960	P	1160	S	P a	100						107	17	14		
378	4041-8001	Mars Borough			P	1080	V	P c	100						150				
379	4101-7943	Petrolia Water Co.		1965	P	1280	S	P sv/ls	268						30		65		
380	4041-8007	Cranberry Twp. Water Auth.	Pennsylvania Drilling Co.	1970	P	990	V	P	185				15		225	59	24		
381	4105-8003	Slippery Rock Borough		1970	P	1228	S	P pc/ss	195	106	10		77						

Table 5. *Logs of Wells in Butler County, Pennsylvania*¹

Well Bt-17

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Quaternary System		
Illinoian till		
Sand and gravel, coarse, pebbles consist mostly of sandstone	5	5
Pennsylvanian System		
Kittanning Formation, middle member		
Sandstone, brownish-gray, very fine- to fine-grained; considerable interbedded grayish-black carbonaceous shale containing some muscovite	11	16
Claystone, gray, minute fragments of carbonized plant remains; interbedded very fine-grained gray sandstone at 24 to 26 feet	14	30
Shale, grayish-black, containing a little muscovite and abundant pyrite	2	32
Claystone, gray, containing abundant muscovite and a few minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	12	44
Sample missing	2	46
Kittanning Formation, lower member		
Coal, containing a little pyrite	4	50
Claystone, light-gray, sandy, containing a little muscovite and abundant siderite nodules at 59-61 feet; considerable interbedded light-gray shale	11	61
Sandstone, light-gray, very fine-grained, silty, containing abundant siderite nodules	6	67
Claystone, greenish-gray, containing abundant siderite nodules; considerable interbedded light-gray shale	3	70
Vanport Limestone		
Limestone, grayish-brown, very fine, dense	20	90
Clarion Formation		
Coal, Scrubgrass.....	1	91
Sandstone, gray, very fine- to fine-grained, silty, containing muscovite and pyrite	6	97
Shale, gray, containing considerable minute fragments of carbonized plant remains, abundant muscovite and a little interbedded gray, sandy siltstone	—	—
Sandstone, very light-gray, very fine-grained, containing muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	16	118
Siltstone, gray, sandy, containing considerable muscovite and a few minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	10	128
Shale, gray, containing considerable muscovite.....	6	134
Coal, Brookville.....	1	135
Claystone, light-gray, containing a few minute fragments of carbonized plant remains and a little muscovite	3	138

¹ The stratigraphic nomenclature used in this report conforms to the usage of the Pennsylvania Topographic and Geologic Survey and not necessarily to that of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Table 5. (Continued)

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Homewood Formation		
Sandstone, gray, very fine-grained, silty, containing muscovite, minute carbonized plant remains, and a few siderite nodules	34	172
Sandstone, very light-gray, very fine- to very coarse-grained	37	209
Mercer Formation		
Shale, gray, silty, containing muscovite	6	215
Sandstone, light-gray, very fine- to coarse-grained, containing muscovite	4	219
Claystone, brownish-gray; interbedded silty shale, containing muscovite, pyrite and siderite nodules	3	222
Sandstone, very light-gray, very fine; interbedded gray silty shale	8	230
Claystone, very light-gray, containing abundant pyrite and a few minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	2	232
Sandstone, gray, fine-grained, silty, containing muscovite, minute fragments of carbonized plant remains, and siderite nodules	7	239
Shale, dark-gray, silty, containing considerable muscovite	8	247
Coal	1	248
Sandstone, gray, very fine- to fine-grained, silty, containing many minute fragments of carbonized plant remains and a little muscovite	8	256
Siltstone, gray, sandy, containing many carbonized plant remains and a little muscovite	5	261
Shale, gray and brown, containing considerable muscovite and pyrite	28	289
Connoquenessing Formation, upper member		
Sandstone, light-gray, very fine- to fine-grained, silty, containing muscovite and a few very coarse, very light-gray quartz grains	6	295
Sandstone, light-gray, very fine- to medium-grained, containing muscovite and a few coarse quartz grains	7	302
Sandstone, light-gray, very fine- to coarse-grained	7	309
Connoquenessing Formation, middle member		
Coal, Quakertown	1	310
Connoquenessing Formation, lower member		
Sandstone, clear, very fine- to fine-grained, containing muscovite, siderite nodules, and carbonized plant remains	13	323
Sandstone, clear, very fine- to medium-grained, argillaceous, containing muscovite and a few coarse quartz grains; 4 feet of light-gray silty shale at base	20	343
Sandstone, very light-gray, very fine- to medium-grained, argillaceous	8	351
Sandstone, clear, very fine- to coarse-grained, argillaceous	9	360

Table 5. (Continued)

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Mississippian System		
Burgoon Sandstone		
Siltstone, gray, sandy, containing siderite nodules and a little muscovite	4	364
Sandstone, clear, very fine- to medium-grained, argillaceous, containing a little muscovite and a few siderite nodules	27	391
Sandstone, very light greenish-gray, very fine- to fine-grained, silty, containing considerable muscovite	1	392
Sandstone, clear, very fine- to medium-grained, argillaceous, containing a little muscovite and a few siderite nodules	32	424
Siltstone, gray to brownish-gray, containing muscovite; interbedded light-gray shale	2	426
Sandstone, clear, very fine- to medium-grained, argillaceous, containing many siderite nodules and a little muscovite and pyrite	11	437
Sandstone, light greenish-gray to gray, very fine- to very coarse-grained, argillaceous, containing minute fragments of carbonized plant remains, pyrite, and a little muscovite	4	441
Hempfield Shale		
Shale, gray to grayish-brown, containing a little muscovite and pyrite; interbedded gray to grayish-brown siltstone; a small amount of very fine- to medium-grained, light-gray sandstone	6	447
Siltstone, gray, containing a little pyrite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains; interbedded grayish-brown to dark-gray shale; a little very light-gray to gray, very fine- to coarse-grained sandstone	5	452
Shale, gray to brownish-gray, silty, containing pyrite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	6	458
Sandstone, light-gray to gray, very fine- to fine-grained, containing a little pyrite	3	461
Shale, dark-brown and gray, silty, containing a little muscovite and a little pyrite	11	472
Sandstone, light-gray to gray, very fine- to fine-grained, containing a little muscovite and a little pyrite	4	476
Shale, gray and brown, silty, containing muscovite, pyrite, and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	11	487
Shenango Formation		
Sandstone, very light-gray, very fine- to coarse-grained, argillaceous and calcareous	2	489
Sandstone, greenish-gray, very fine- to fine-grained, argillaceous, containing considerable muscovite and a little biotite	8	497
Shale, gray, silty, containing considerable muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	3	500

Table 5. (Continued)

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Sandstone, very light-gray, very fine- to fine-grained, containing muscovite, a little pyrite, and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	3	503
Siltstone, gray, sandy, containing muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	10	513
Sandstone, light-gray to greenish-gray, very fine, silty, containing muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	7	520

Well Bt-19

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Pennsylvanian System		
Homewood Formation		
Sample missing	85	85
Sandstone, medium- to coarse-grained; loosely cemented; coal.....	10	95
Sandstone, fine- to medium-grained, some grains show crystal faces	5	100
Sandstone, medium- to coarse-grained	7	107
Sandstone, fine-grained.....	4	111
Mercer Formation		
Sandstone, medium-grained, clayey; interbedded siltstone and coal	9	120
Sandstone, coarse-grained, clayey; interbedded siltstone	8	128
Siltstone, dark gray to dark red; limonite and clay cement on grains	6	134
Sandstone, very fine- to fine-grained.....	10	144
Siltstone, dark gray; coal	5	149
Siltstone, dark gray.....	13	162
Connoquenessing Formation, upper member		
Sandstone, fine-grained.....	21	183
Sandstone, medium- to coarse-grained, loosely cemented	7	190
Connoquenessing Formation, middle member		
Siltstone, gray.....	10	200
Connoquenessing Formation, lower member		
Sandstone, fine-grained, loosely cemented.....	30	230
Mississippian System		
Burgoon Sandstone		
Sandstone, fine-grained; abundant dark-red and white siltstone	32	262

Table 5. (Continued)

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Sandstone, fine-grained, loosely cemented; a little black shale or poor coal	9	271
Sandstone, fine-grained, loosely cemented.....	8	279
Sandstone, medium-grained	6	285
Sandstone, medium-grained, loosely cemented	6	291
Sandstone, very fine- to coarse-grained, loosely cemented	7	298
Sandstone, medium-grained	7	305
Sandstone, very fine- to medium-grained; interbedded siltstone	20	325
Sandstone, very fine-grained; much gray siltstone.....	15	340
Hempfield Shale		
Siltstone, dark-gray; small amount of coal.....	7	347
Siltstone, dark-gray.....	6	353
Sandstone, fine-grained.....	9	362
Siltstone, gray; interbedded very fine- to fine-grained sand- stone	39	401
Shenango Formation		
Sandstone, very fine- to medium-grained; interbedded silt- stone near bottom	41	442
Siltstone, gray.....	10	452
Sandstone, very fine- to fine-grained.....	13	465
Siltstone, gray.....	15	480
Sandstone, fine-grained; abundant gray siltstone	24	504

Well Bt-151

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Quaternary System		
Illinoian till.....	10	10
Pennsylvanian System		
Kittanning Formation, lower member		
Slate and fireclay	38	48
Crevice.....	3	51
Vanport Limestone.....	11	62
Clarion Formation		
Shale and slate	23	85
Sandstone, gray	18	103
Homewood Formation		
Sandstone with a little shale	9	112

Table 5. (Continued)

Well Bt-158		
Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Quaternary System		
Kent ground moraine		
Sand and gravel, pebbles consist mostly of sandstone	28	28
Pennsylvanian System		
Vanport Limestone		
Limestone, brownish-gray, very fine, dense	28	56
Clarion Formation		
Shale, dark-gray, silty; a little interbedded coal	1	57
Sandstone, light-gray, in part stained yellowish brown by weathering, fine-grained, containing muscovite	23	80
Coal, bony	1	81
Homewood Formation		
Shale, gray, sandy, containing some muscovite	19	100
Shale, very dark-gray, silty, containing muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	10	110
Mercer Formation		
Shale, black	5	115
Shale, dark-gray	7	122
Shale, gray, sandy, containing muscovite and minute frag- ments of carbonized plant remains	3	125
Shale, very dark-gray; interbedded coal and gray claystone	6	131
Shale, gray to dark-gray, sandy, containing muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	8	139
Shale, dark-gray	9	148
Shale, dark-gray to grayish-black	3	151
Shale, dark-gray, silty	14	165
Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained; a little interbedded black shale and coal	4	169
Shale, dark-gray, silty, containing minute fragments of car- bonized plant remains; interbedded fine grained, light gray sandstone	15	184
Shale, very dark-gray, silty, containing muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	12	196
Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained, containing a little muscovite	11	207
Shale, dark-gray, silty, containing muscovite and minute frag- ments of carbonized plant remains	10	217
Shale, dark-gray, silty; a little interbedded coal	6	223
Claystone, dark grayish-brown	5	228
Connoquenessing Formation, upper member		
Sandstone, brownish-gray, medium-grained; interbedded dark-gray, silty shale	5	233
Sandstone, light-gray, medium-grained, poorly sorted, con- taining well-rounded quartz grains	6	239

Table 5. (Continued)

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Connoquenessing Formation, middle member		
Shale, dark-gray, silty, containing muscovite	13	252
Connoquenessing Formation, lower member		
Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained, containing muscovite	18	270
Sandstone, light-gray, fine- to medium-grained, containing a little muscovite	37	307
Sandstone, light-gray, very fine to fine-grained, containing a little muscovite	23	330
Mississippian System		
Burgoon Sandstone		
Sandstone, light-gray, fine- to medium-grained, friable; inter- bedded dark-gray, silty shale	6	336
Sandstone, light-gray, fine- to medium-grained, containing some muscovite	7	343
Sandstone, light-gray, fine- to medium-grained, containing some muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains; interbedded dark-gray, silty shale	7	350
Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained, containing a little muscovite...	18	368
Sandstone, light greenish-gray, fine-grained, containing muscovite	25	393
Hempfield Shale		
Shale, dark greenish-gray, silty; interbedded greenish-gray silt- stone, containing muscovite and minute fragments of car- bonized plant remains	51	444
Shenango Formation		
Sandstone, light greenish-gray, very fine- to fine-grained, moderately friable, containing biotite and muscovite, and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	17	461
Shale, greenish-gray, silty; interbedded, very fine-grained, light greenish-gray sandstone, containing muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	13	474
Sandstone, light greenish-gray, very fine- to fine-grained, con- taining muscovite and minute fragments of carbonized plant remains	19	493
Sandstone, light greenish-gray, fine-grained, containing a little muscovite	23	516
Sandstone, light-gray, fine-grained	17	533
Shale, dark-gray; interbedded very fine-grained, greenish-gray sandstone	8	541
Sandstone, light greenish-gray, fine-grained, poorly sorted, containing muscovite	9	550
Sandstone, light greenish-gray, very fine-grained; interbedded dark-gray shale	7	557
Shale, dark greenish-gray, silty	39	596

Table 5. (Continued)

Well Bt-292

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Quaternary System		
Soil	2	2
Pennsylvanian System		
Glenshaw Formation		
Buffalo Sandstone Member.....	48	50
Shale, dark.....	23	73
Brush Creek coal(?)	1	74
Fireclay	48	122
Limestone.....	2	124
Mahoning Sandstone Member	14	138
Shale, light.....	6	144
Freeport Formation		
Upper Freeport coal	1	145
Shale, dark.....	7	152
Limestone.....	9	161

Well Bt-363

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Pennsylvanian System		
Kittanning Formation, upper member		
Fill.....	4	4
Clay, yellow.....	13	17
Clay, blue	1	18
Shale, blue, hard, and clay	45	63
Shale, and clay, blue, hard, interbedded	33.5	96.5
Kittanning Formation, middle member		
Coal.....	5	101.5
Clay, blue and brown, some shale	30.5	132
Clay, black, and shale	24	156
Kittanning Formation, lower member		
Coal.....	3	159
Clay, blue	9	168
Sandstone, gray	7	175
Clay, tough.....	17	192
Clay and shale.....	10	202
Vanport Limestone.....	14	216
Clarion Formation		
Coal.....	2.5	218.5
Clay, hard, and shale.....	10.5	229
Coal.....	1	230
Clay and shale.....	25	255

Table 5. (Continued)

Description	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Homewood Formation		
Sandstone, gray	15	270
Clay and shale.....	4	274
Sandstone, white	2	276
Sandstone, gray	5	281
Clay and shale.....	5	286
Sandstone, white	14	300
Clay and shale.....	5	305
Sandstone, white	11	316
Mercer Formation		
Clay and shale.....	12	328
Clay, tough	30	358
Shale and sandstone.....	7	365
Clay, tough	3	368
Shale, hard.....	2	370
Connoquenessing Formation, upper member		
Sandstone, white	2	372
Shale and sandstone.....	3	375
Sandstone, white	3	378
Shale and sandstone.....	10	388
Sandstone	2	390
Sandstone, coarse, white.....	8	398
Connoquenessing Formation, middle member		
Clay, white	2	400
Clay, blue and white	6	406
Shale and sandstone.....	5	411
Clay and shale.....	2	413
Shale, black	13	426
Clay and shale.....	20	446
Coal.....	1	447
Clay and shale.....	8	455
Connoquenessing Formation, lower member		
Sandstone, fine, white	23	478

UNCONSOLIDATED DEPOSITS

Origin and Lithology

The unconsolidated materials were deposited in a variety of geologic environments. Glaciers moved into northwestern Butler County at least twice during Pleistocene time and deposited a heterogeneous mixture of clay, silt, sand, and boulders, called till (Plate 1).

The earliest glaciation of which we have record in Pennsylvania is called the Illinoian, after the state where it was first studied. The later glaciation is called

Table 6. *Composite Stratigraphic Section for Butler County*

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System	Group	Thickness (feet)	Character of strata	Water-bearing properties
Quaternary		0-100+	Unconsolidated material, ranging in size from clay to boulders; deposited by glacial ice, by streams flowing off the ice, in glacial lakes, and along modern streams.	Yields of wells range widely depending on sorting and thickness of deposits. Few data available; yields may exceed 100 gpm.
	Conemaugh	275	Sandstone, shale, limestone, thin coal beds, and red beds.	Yields of wells range from less than 5 gpm to more than 100 gpm. About half the wells yield 20 gpm or more. Dissolved solids of water are chiefly calcium bicarbonate; the average iron content is 0.28 mg/l; the water is moderately hard.
Pennsylvanian	Allegheny	320	Sandstone (sometimes in thick channels, shale, limestone (Vanport), and several commercial grade coal beds.	Yields of wells range from less than 5 gpm to more than 300 gpm. About half the wells yield 50 gpm or more. Dissolved solids may locally be mainly calcium or sodium and bicarbonate, sulfate, or chloride. Water is generally hard, and three-fourths of samples contain more than 0.3 mg/l of iron.
	Pottsville	220	Sandstone, shale, several thin coal beds.	Yields of wells range from less than 5 gpm to more than 300 gpm and average 36 gpm. Dissolved solids are mainly calcium magnesium bicarbonate in the upper part of group and sodium bicarbonate in lower part of group. Water is hard in upper part and soft in lower part of group. Half of samples contain more than 0.3 mg/l iron.
Mississippian	Pocono	300	Sandstone and shale.	Yields of wells range from 9 to 260 gpm and average about 82 gpm. Dissolved solids from single sample contain prominent proportions of calcium, sodium, bicarbonate, sulfate, and chloride, and 7.1 mg/l iron. Where deeply buried, the formation may contain saline water.

the Kent Stade (or subdivision) of the Wisconsinan glaciation (named in the same fashion as the Illinoian).

As meltwater streams flowed off the ice, they carried abundant debris with them and deposited it as outwash both within and beyond the glacial border. Outwash deposits that were deposited in valleys beyond the ice were later eroded and are present now as terrace remnants along the sides of some valleys. The debris generally contains chiefly sand and gravel, most of the silt and clay having been carried far downstream.

As the ice advanced across northwestern Pennsylvania, the preglacial drainage was disrupted and the northward-flowing streams were forced back on themselves, so that lakes formed in their valleys. Two such valleys that have been studied (Present, 1950) are those of Slippery Rock and Muddy Creeks. Streams of meltwater flowing into these valleys deposited their coarse material near the ice and their fine material in the quiet waters of the lake far from where the stream entered the valley. Most of the deposits filling glacial Lake Edmund, which occupied the valley of Slippery Rock Creek, are coarse. The sediment in glacial Lake Watts, which lay in the valley of Muddy Creek, is fine except in the extreme west end because most of the water in Lake Watts was derived from overflow from Lake Edmund (Plate 1).

Most of the till is less than 25 feet thick. Some outwash, however, may exceed 100 feet in thickness. Also, the sand and gravel in the west end of Lake Edmund may be thicker than 100 feet in places.

Water-Bearing Characteristics

The till is generally poorly permeable and capable of yielding only small supplies of water to wells. The outwash deposits, including the material at the west end of Lake Edmund, are highly permeable and, where water-saturated, should be capable of yielding 100 or more gallons of water per minute to wells. Unfortunately, yield data are available for only a half dozen wells (19 to 24 feet deep), which are reported to yield 25 gpm each.

Well Construction, Location, and Spacing

Yields of wells in the alluvium are greatest if they are drilled completely through it to the underlying bedrock and if screens are installed opposite any coarse saturated zones. Wells aligned parallel to any associated stream minimize interference between wells. A parallel alignment to the streams also increases the amount of recharge to the alluvium from the stream when the wells are pumped. Distances between wells and between the stream and wells can be determined after the areal extent, saturated thickness, and permeability of the alluvium are known.

Water Quality

Chemical analysis of water is available for only one well. The sample taken from a well penetrating Illinoian outwash shows the water is hard and generally high in chloride and sulfate, but low in iron.

BEDROCK

General Features

Origin and Lithology

The exposed bedrock, or that immediately beneath the unconsolidated material in Butler County, consists of sandstone, shale, limestone, and coal. These sedimentary rocks were deposited on, or a short distance seaward of, a large delta that grew generally westward during the time of Pennsylvania's great coal swamps.

The oldest of these rocks is the Pocono Group of Mississippian age. Only the uppermost unit of the Pocono, the Burgoon Sandstone, is exposed in Butler County.

Overlying the Mississippian rocks are three groups of rocks of Pennsylvanian age: Pottsville (oldest), Allegheny, and Conemaugh (youngest). Each of the three groups is composed of sandstone, shale, limestone, and coal, but certain rock types predominate over others in the different groups. In the Pottsville and Conemaugh Groups, sandstone is prominent, and coal is poorly developed; however, in the Allegheny, the coal and shale are best developed and sandstone beds are generally thinner and shaly.

Each of the groups contain channel sandstones, which are long narrow bodies of sandstone that appear to have been deposited in a stream channel. The channels are cut into the underlying beds, and some of the major channels may cut entirely through the beds of one group into the underlying group of rocks. The major channel sandstones commonly overlie one another, so that the entire stratigraphic sequence at a given point may be sandstone. A few miles on either side of the channel the beds may be dominantly shale.

Structure

The stresses that formed the Appalachian Mountains to the east of Butler County were much weaker in Butler County but still made their presence known. To determine the effect of these stresses in Butler County, it is necessary to measure the altitude of a single rock layer at many different places throughout the county. For convenience, the layer should be one that is widely distributed and easily recognized. (Such a layer is called a marker bed.) Only the Vanport Limestone and some of the coal beds qualify as marker beds here.

The Vanport is the most easily recognized by the available marker beds and is used in this report. Plate 1 shows how the rocks have been warped into many

folds or structural ridges (anticlines) and structural troughs (synclines). These folds have been superposed on a broader regional structure that causes the rocks to dip generally southwestward. The total relief, or range of altitude, on the top of the Vanport in the county is more than 800 feet.

A structure map is important in the study of ground water because it makes possible the determination of the altitude of the rocks. Thus, a rock may be an important water-bearer in one area but lie too deep to be worth drilling to in another area.

Water-Bearing Characteristics

Water occurs in consolidated rocks, chiefly in fractures. Where the rock is shale, the fractures are small and close readily because shale is a weak rock and crumbles easily. Sandstone is generally well cemented, but when fractured it tends to develop clean breaks that remain open and serve as excellent conduits for water. The fractures are irregularly distributed in the rock, however, and make up a relatively small amount of the total volume of the rock, so that they are unable to store the large quantities of water that the spaces between grains of the unconsolidated material are capable of storing.

Well Location and Spacing

Wells of good yield in consolidated rocks must intercept fractures in which water occurs, though the locations of such fractures are difficult to determine. In recent years it has been discovered that fractures or concentrations of fractures are sometimes detectable on aerial photographs as linear features, called fracture traces, which result from topographic (including straight stream segments), vegetational, or soil-tonal alignments. Care must be taken to ensure that the fracture traces are natural features and are not man-made.

If aerial photographs are not available, or if fracture traces cannot be identified on the photographs, good results may often be obtained by drilling in stream valleys — especially straight reaches. The drilling of wells in valleys is justified theoretically because fractures are zones of weakness in the rocks and, therefore, are more erodible and apt to become valleys than adjacent areas. Also, because water occurs at shallower depths beneath the surface in valleys than in hills, there is more available drawdown in the valley wells.

The location and spacing of wells in a well field is a major factor controlling their interference with one another during pumping. When a well that obtains its water from a fracture is pumped, the water level draws down in the shape of a cone whose horizontal dimension is distorted into an elongate shape that extends along the fracture in both directions from the well. If two or more fractures supply the well, a part of the cone will extend along each of the fractures.

Fractures are not randomly oriented, but are usually arranged in any particular area chiefly in two or three major directions. In a small area, two fractures

may be parallel and only poorly interconnected, so that a well on each of the fractures interferes with the other only slightly or not at all. In contrast, if the fractures are well connected or if the wells tap the same fracture, pumping one of the wells produces nearly as much drawdown in the unpumped well as in the pumped well.

In summary, wells located on fracture traces tend to yield more water; and when several wells of high-yield design are drilled in a small area, wells located on different fractures, or as far apart as practicable, interfere with one another to a minimum extent.

Water Quality

The chemical character of the water in the rocks of the Appalachian Plateau is diverse. Geologic conditions here give rise to three distinct types of water and, of course, mixtures of these types.

First, as precipitation percolates through the soil and underlying rock it dissolves small amounts of mineral matter, chiefly calcium and magnesium carbonate, which become bicarbonate in solution, and minor amounts of silica, iron, manganese, sodium, potassium, sulfate, chloride, nitrate, and fluoride. The resultant solution is called a calcium magnesium bicarbonate water. It generally contains about 200 mg/l dissolved solids and is the type of water that is usually referred to as ground water of good quality.

Second, ancient environments that favored the accumulation of plant material that later was transformed into coal also favored the deposition of iron sulfides, chief of which is pyrite. Many coal beds, therefore, have pyrite associated with them, either in masses interbedded with the coal or finely disseminated in the overlying strata. The pyrite dissolves in the ground water and contributes iron and sulfuric acid to form a second type of water, called a sulfate water. More commonly it is known as acid-mine water, though it may not be connected with any mining operations, and the acid may have been neutralized by reaction with limestone. However, mining will accelerate the solution of pyrite by breaking up the rock and exposing more surface area of pyrite to water and the air.

The presence of sulfuric acid enables the water to attack the rocks more strongly, which may increase the dissolved-solids content of the water to more than 2000 mg/l.

Third, when the sediments that form the consolidated rocks were laid down, sea water, which contains chiefly sodium and chloride, was trapped in the pore spaces. Subsequent changes have concentrated the dissolved-solids content of this trapped water so that today the dissolved material may exceed 200,000 mg/l. Such water occurs below the zone of fresh water and is encountered commonly during the drilling of deep oil and gas wells. Sometimes the salt water invades the freshwater aquifers through damaged or poorly plugged deep wells.

Precipitation has flushed the salt water from the upper several hundred feet of rock. However, all the constituents are not flushed with equal ease. Some sodium is held by the clay in the rocks and is removed very slowly, but the chloride is readily flushed. The flushing may be summarized as taking place in the following steps: (1) the dissolved-solids content is decreased, yielding a dilute sodium chloride water; (2) almost all the chloride is removed, leaving a sodium bicarbonate water; (3) the sodium concentration is still further reduced, and the water in the rocks becomes the type 1, or calcium magnesium bicarbonate type.

In absence of poorly permeable, difficult-to-flush rocks or contamination from leaky wells, the upper 100 to 300 feet of rocks in the county contain fresh ground water. Near the base of this zone the partly flushed water discussed above is present.

Conemaugh Group

Distribution and Lithology

About two-thirds of Butler County is underlain by rocks of the Conemaugh Group. The group is about 450 feet thick in Butler County (175 feet or more have been removed by erosion from the upper part) and is divided into two formations: the Casselman and the Glenshaw.

The following is a generalized geologic section of the Conemaugh Group in Butler County:

	Thickness range (feet)
Casselman Formation	
Morgantown Sandstone Member.....	40- 45
Birmingham Shale Member – red and gray shale, clayey to sandy, one or more thin coal beds, limestone	120-150
Glenshaw Formation	
Ames Limestone Member	0- 3
Pittsburgh red beds – red and gray shale, clayey to sandy	90-140
Saltsburg Sandstone Member – sandstone, shale, one to three coal beds.....	20- 40
Cambridge (or Pine Creek) Limestone Member.....	0- 2
Buffalo Sandstone Member – sandstone, shale.....	20- 40
Brush Creek Limestone Member – shale, coal, limestone	20- 30
Mahoning Sandstone Member – sandstone, red to gray shale, coal	70-100

The lithology of the formations is extremely variable so that sandstone is superseded by shale both laterally and vertically within short distances, and the coal and limestone beds are thin and not persistent. The Ames is more widely distributed than the other limestones in the Conemaugh and is sometimes used as a marker bed.

Well Depths and Yields

Data are available for 73 wells in the Conemaugh Group in Butler County. Ten are less than 50 feet deep and only two are more than 300 feet deep; the average depth is 100 feet.

Yields were reported for 27 of the wells. Eight yield less than 5 gpm and three yield more than 100 gpm. About half the wells yield 20 gpm or more.

Water Quality

Analyses of five samples of water from the Conemaugh show the water is of the calcium bicarbonate type and is low in chloride and sulfate. The single water sample (from well Bt-218) high in sodium and chloride is reported to be contaminated by water from nearby oil wells. Iron ranges from 0.12 to 2.2 mg/l; the average is 0.28 mg/l. Hardness of the water ranges from 28 to 204 mg/l and averages about 120 mg/l.

*Allegheny Group**Distribution and Lithology*

The Allegheny Group crops out in the northern half of the county and along the major stream valleys throughout the county. It includes all the rock between the top of the Upper Freeport coal and the base of the Brookville coal or its underclay. The Allegheny has been divided into the Freeport Formation (youngest), Kittanning Formation, Vanport Limestone, and Clarion Formation (oldest).

The following is a generalized section of the Allegheny Group:

	Thickness range (feet)
Freeport Formation	
Upper Freeport coal	0- 5½
Clay, limestone, sandstone, shale	33- 59
Lower Freeport coal	0- 4
Clay, coarse sandstone to fine conglomerate, shale	30- 66
Kittanning Formation	
Upper Kittanning coal	0- 8
Clay, sandstone, sandy shale, shale	35- 55
Middle Kittanning coal	0- 2
Clay, shale, thin-bedded sandstone, thin coal	55-108
Lower Kittanning coal	2- 4
Shale and thin sandstone	25- 45
Vanport Limestone.....	0- 18
Clarion Formation	
Shale.....	20- 40

	Thickness range (feet)
Clarion coal	1- 5
Clay, coarse sandstone, shale	38- 80
Brookville coal.....	0- 2
Clay	3- 12

The individual units of the Allegheny Group differ in thickness from place to place. Thinning of one seems to be accompanied by thickening of another, with the result that the group as a whole has a rather uniform thickness of about 320 feet.

The Allegheny Group contains eight coal beds or horizons separated by shale, sandstone, limestone, and clay. Beds of coarse sandstone are prominent in some places, although there seems to be no sandstone in others.

The Vanport Limestone is a blue-gray fossiliferous rock usually containing about 90 percent calcium carbonate. In some places a low grade iron ore is present at the top of the limestone. The Vanport's distinctive appearance and widespread occurrence make it an ideal marker bed. (See section on structure.)

Well Depths and Yields

The Allegheny Group is capable of supplying moderate amounts of water to wells. About half the wells on which data are available (35 out of 69 wells) yield more than 50 gpm. Only one well yields less than 5 gpm, but seven wells (10 percent) yield 300 gpm or more. Measurements of depth of 144 wells are available. About half the wells are more than 103 feet deep. Ten percent are less than 55 feet deep, and 90 percent are 300 feet or less.

Water Quality

Water from the Allegheny Group is typically hard and high in iron. Eight of the 18 samples of water from these rocks have a hardness of 185 mg/l or more, and 76 percent contain more than 0.3 mg/l of iron, the maximum recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service for drinking water.

Six samples exceed the U.S. Public Health Service standards for dissolved solids (500 mg/l). Four of the wells from which these samples were collected are in a well field on industrial property. The numbers of the wells in the well field are Bt-362 to Bt-368. All are high in sodium and chloride, although the depths of most of the wells are not such that naturally occurring salt water would be expected. The depths are 152, 478, 115, 81, 150, 150, and 156 feet, respectively.

Local pollution may be the source of the high solids in the other two wells that contain more than 500 mg/l dissolved solids, but a specific source cannot be

pinpointed. Well Bt-236, a municipal well at the time of inventory but no longer used, is high in sodium chloride. The other well, Bt-83, a domestic well, is high in calcium and sulfate. The wells are 225 feet and 110 feet deep, respectively.

Pottsville Group

Distribution and Lithology

The Pottsville Group crops out along the major stream valleys in the northern part of the county. It generally consists of two massive sandstones (the Connoquenessing Formation at the base of the group and the Homewood Formation at the top of the group) and an intervening shale (Mercer Formation).¹ However, the sandstones grade laterally into sandy shale or shale and are then difficult to distinguish from the Mercer or the shale in the overlying Clarion Formation.

The sandstones of the Pottsville are sometimes misidentified because of their similar appearance and the common practice of identifying them by their relation to a nearby economically important coal bed. Thus, the Homewood is considered to lie immediately beneath the Brookville coal or its underclay (Allegheny Group). However, the Brookville was misidentified in some of the older reports, and its name was applied to a coal bed in the Mercer. This usage is sometimes applied today, so that the Homewood then becomes a bed in the Clarion, the Connoquenessing is called the Homewood, and a sandstone in the Pocono becomes the Connoquenessing.

The base of the Pottsville is also difficult to define in places. The underlying Mississippian surface has been truncated by erosion so that the upper shale units may be missing, and the Pottsville then rests directly on sandstone of the Pocono. Both the Pottsville and Pocono sandstones are typically gray to white, well-cemented quartzites. The Pottsville is about 220 feet thick.

A conventional, generalized section through the Pottsville Group is as follows:

	Thickness range (feet)
Homewood Formation	
Shale to massive sandstone, thin coals	0- 90
Mercer Formation	
Sandy shale, shale, coal (one to three beds), clay, limestone	0-120

¹ These formation names do not conform to the nomenclature used by the Pennsylvania Geological Survey. For a discussion of the stratigraphy of the Pottsville Group in western Pennsylvania, see Edmunds, W. E. (1969), *Revised lithostratigraphic nomenclature of the Pottsville and Allegheny Groups (Pennsylvanian), Clearfield County, Pennsylvania*, Pa. Geol. Survey, 4th ser., Inf. Circ. 61, 36 p.; Ashley, G. H. (1945), *The Pittsburgh-Pottsville boundary*, Jour. Geology, v. 53, p. 374-389; and Renick, B. C. (1924), *The correlation of the Allegheny-Pottsville section in western Pennsylvania*, Jour. Geology, v. 32, p. 64-80.

	Thickness range (feet)
Connoquenessing Formation	
Sandstone, massive to shaly	15- 50
Shale, sandy shale, coal.....	0- 40
Sandstone, massive to shaly	30- 75

Well Depths and Yields

Data for the Pottsville are available from 102 wells. Ten percent of the wells are less than 70 feet deep, and 90 percent are less than 315 feet deep. The average depth is 145 feet. Yields of 55 of the wells are reported. Ten wells yield less than 5 gpm, and four wells yield 300 gpm or more. The average yield is 36 gpm. Data are more abundant from the Homewood than from the Mercer and Connoquenessing, of course, as the Homewood is stratigraphically higher. Yields are also greater from wells drilled to the Homewood; they average 50 gpm.

Water Quality

Analyses of water from each of the formations constituting the Pottsville Group show that the water in the upper part of the group is dominantly a calcium magnesium bicarbonate type, whereas that in the lower part is a sodium bicarbonate type. Hardness differs accordingly; the water is hard in the upper part of the group and generally soft in the lower part.

Most samples contain between 200 and 300 mg/l dissolved solids, and half exceed U.S. Public Health Service drinking water standards for iron (0.3 mg/l).

Of the analyses, only the one from Bt-349 showed evidence of contamination. This is an unused well at the former Franklin Glass Company plant. The dissolved solids are 1370 mg/l, and the water is dominantly of sodium sulfate type.

Pocono Group

Distribution and Lithology

The Pocono Group consists of a sequence of thick sandstone and shale. The uppermost of these is the Burgoon Sandstone, which crops out only in the northeastern part of the county — along the Allegheny River and along the lower reaches of Bear Creek. It is generally a gray, to white, coarse-grained sandstone, but in places it contains lenses of shale.

Because the sandstones of the Pottsville Group commonly rest directly on the Burgoon, and the two rocks resemble each other, it is usually difficult to determine where one ends and the other begins. The Burgoon is about 300 feet thick.

Water-Bearing Characteristics

The Burgoon is an excellent aquifer where it is not buried too deeply. Table 4 contains records of nine wells in this formation, although not all records are complete. The average depth is about 300 feet (six wells), and the average yield is 82 gpm (eight wells). The depths range from 208 to 550 feet and the yields from 9 to 260 gpm.

Water Quality

The single sample of water from this formation (well Bt-172) contains 390 mg/l dissolved solids and contains prominent proportions of calcium, sodium, bicarbonate, sulfate, and chloride. The iron content is 7.1 mg/l, and the water is hard.

Where the Burgoon is deeply buried, it may contain saline water. This is also true of other deep-lying beds. Table 3 gives analyses of water from three of the deeper formations. (See analyses of water from wells Bt-302 and Bt-309 — two zones.) Also included are analyses of water from two wells (Bt-44 and Bt-65) that may or may not get water from the Burgoon.

DEVELOPMENT OF GROUND-WATER SUPPLIES

During the early settlement of the area, water needs of the people were easily satisfied by shallow dug wells. The shallower of these wells failed during late summer and fall and especially during drought years, so that the wells had to be deepened. Even so, the yield of a dug well was severely limited because it could be dug only a short distance below the water table. Dug wells were also easily polluted because their sides were loosely lined with stone, permitting ready access of water without the benefit of slow filtration; also, burrowing animals might tumble into the dug well and drown.

As advancing technology made possible the drilling of wells, this type of construction supplanted the digging of wells. Drilled wells overcame both the disadvantages of dug wells cited above. They could be drilled to any depth, thus ensuring a perennial supply of water. Surface pollutants, discrete zones of undesirable water, and burrowing animals could be kept out by the installation of steel casing.

As more people settled close to each other and as mining activities were carried on in the area, the drilled well next to the owner's home could no longer be counted on to supply adequate amounts of pure water. In some instances, the close proximity of many families discharging their wastes into cesspools exceeded the ground's capacity to filter the water, and some or all of the wells were polluted.

Mining activities can adversely affect the quality of the water by accelerating the oxidation of iron sulfide minerals and also can permanently lower the water table, so that where water is finally found, it is brackish.

The latest step in the development of ground-water supplies is the construction of community-supply wells. These wells are drilled in favorable locations where large supplies may be obtained and where the sites can be protected from pollution.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

Approximately 55 percent (70,000) of the population of Butler County uses water from a public supply. Four communities use surface water supplies and 11 communities use water obtained from wells or springs. Evans City uses both surface-water and ground-water supplies. Data on these supplies are given in Table 7.

Table 7. *Communities Having Public Water Supplies*¹

System	Number of customers served	Average daily 1969 pumpage (gallons)	Source of water
Boyers	46	7,000	Two wells.
Butler Water Company	3,290	6,000,000	Impoundment of Connoquenessing Creek and Thorn Run; Allegheny River.
Center	473	81,500	Butler Water Company.
Chicora	356	60,000	Two wells.
Cranberry	700	250,000	Two wells.
Evans City	860	288,000	Five wells. Impoundment of Liken Run.
Harmony	450	130,000	Little Connoquenessing Creek.
Mars	555	215,000	Three wells.
Moraine State Park	—	—	Nine wells.
Northvue	98	25,000	Two wells.
Petrolia	175	30,000	Two wells.
Saxonburg	375	68,000	Two wells.
Scenic View	51	10,000	Six wells and springs.
Slippery Rock	715	300,000	Three wells.
Winfield-Penn Dixie	11	7,000	One well.
Zelienople	1,375	675,000	Impoundment of Scholars Run; Connoquenessing Creek.

¹ From Butler County Planning Commission, 1970.

WATER PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF MAN

The activities of man in Butler County have caused an acceleration of some natural processes and have resulted in a marked worsening of the chemical quality of the water.

Chief among these activities is coal mining. As noted earlier, the mining operations break up the rock and expose more surface area of the iron sulfide minerals to air and water. The consequent oxidation and solution of the iron sulfide minerals yield water that is high in sulfate, iron, and acid. The acid in the water attacks calcium carbonate minerals and increases the water's hardness. The water continues to move through the rocks, so that it is found not only in association with the iron sulfide minerals but also in underlying rocks or in rocks down the hydraulic gradient; this is, in the direction the water moves naturally. This water eventually is discharged to streams, where, in sufficient quantities, it kills fish and plant life and leaves an orange scum of oxidized iron on the stream bottom.

Mining activities will affect the water table during the operation of the mine and may result in a permanent lowering of water levels afterward. This effect, plus land subsidence, may greatly reduce the value of land above the mine.

Oil and gas operations constitute another source of contamination of water supplies. Hundreds of wells have been drilled in Butler County in the search for oil and gas. When a well proved nonproductive, it was abandoned. Not always in the past, however, were wells properly plugged before abandonment. Some were left open or merely capped, so that salt water and small amounts of oil were able to rise in the borehole. When the casing became corroded — or worse, when the casing was removed — the saline water and oil moved into freshwater aquifers and to streams.

WELL CONSTRUCTION

DRILLING METHODS

Dug wells are being replaced gradually by drilled wells. Two methods are used to drill most of the wells: the cable-tool percussion method and the rotary-drilling method.

In the cable-tool percussion method, wells are drilled by alternately lifting and dropping a heavy drill bit in the borehole. The drill bit breaks or crushes the rock into small fragments, which are then removed from the hole. In the rotary-drilling method, wells are drilled by a rotating bit, and the rock chips are removed by circulating water, drilling mud, or air under pressure in the borehole. Well diameters for drilled wells are smaller than those of dug wells, but depths and yields of drilled wells usually are much greater.

Steel casing is emplaced in the drilled wells to the bottom of the weathered rock, and a slurry of rock cuttings (in most domestic wells) or concrete (in public supply and industrial wells) is then poured in the annular space between the casing and the wall of the well to seat the casing tightly.

WELL DEVELOPMENT

The method commonly used to increase well yields consists of heavy pumping of the well for a short period of time to remove drill cuttings and fine material. Other less common techniques used to increase yields are mechanical surging and the addition of detergents.

Mechanical surging is similar to operating a piston in a cylinder, with the casing or well bore acting as the cylinder and the surge block as the piston. Alternately raising and lowering the block in the well forces water in and out of openings in the aquifer. Loose rock chips or fine sand grains are loosened and drawn into the well bore, from which they may be pumped after surging. This method is most successful in sandstone, conglomerate, and unconsolidated aquifers.

Detergents can be used in wells where clay and silty materials are plugging small fractures and other openings in the aquifer. The detergent helps break up these plugs into small particles, so that they may be pumped out, leaving the aquifer openings clear to transmit more water to the borehole.

MANAGEMENT OF WATER SUPPLIES

PROTECTION FROM OVERDRAFT

Except in the vicinity of active mines, where the water table is deliberately being lowered to facilitate mining, there is no known overdraft of ground water anywhere in the county. Overdraft is possible wherever well fields are established or expanded to supply large amounts of ground water. Determining interference between wells before drilling final production wells is a safeguard against possible overdraft, as are periodic water-level measurements to determine the long-term trend of water-table fluctuations and the effect of pumping.

PROTECTION FROM POLLUTION

Pollutants are carried downward from the land surface by infiltrating water or move laterally from adjacent areas. Because ground-water movement is relatively slow, such pollutants are slow to accumulate and just as slow to disperse after the polluting source is removed. The locations of sources of pollution, such as sanitary landfills and septic tanks, is a major factor in the selection of well sites.

Government agencies are becoming increasingly active in the field of pollution prevention. For example, the Pennsylvania Department of Environ-

mental Resources has set standards for length and cementing of casing in wells. The Bureau of Land Protection and Reclamation, Division of Oil and Gas, has regulations concerning the abandonment of oil and gas wells and on the back-filling of strip mines to reduce the formation of acid water in the stripped areas.

WHERE TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT WATER

A variety of information on water supplies is available from the several government agencies listed below. When requesting information, it is important to give an accurate location of the site for which you wish information.

The Pennsylvania Topographic and Geologic Survey has information on the geology of Butler County and has published reports that describe in detail the rocks that underlie the county. Well drillers' logs and reports on new wells that have been drilled in the county are also available at their office.

The Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Water Quality Management, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, can supply information on proper well construction requirements, biological reports on well water, and the chemical quality of ground water. The department, through various regional offices, tests water samples for bacterial pollution. They also can advise effective corrective measures when pollution is reported.

The Division of Natural Resources and Technical Services, Bureau of Engineering, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, has information on stream discharges, flood data, reservoir requirements, and power plant discharges.

The Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Rates and Research, has information on some municipal water supplies, including source, average daily use, total annual use, and estimated future needs.

The U.S. Geological Survey has data on wells, springs, and streams and on the chemical quality of water.

Local well drillers and pump installers can provide prices and suggest the type of equipment needed to develop a water supply. They can also suggest the proper well diameter for the necessary pumping equipment. Pump installers can supply information concerning the size of the pump, depth of the pump setting, and the pressure-tank capacity.

If the chemical analysis of the well indicates treatment is necessary, any of the commercial water-treatment companies can provide the necessary information and equipment. Equipment for water treatment can be purchased or rented, and it will generally be serviced by the supplier if desired.

GLOSSARY

Aquifer: A formation, group of formations, or part of a formation from which water is collectable in usable quantities.

- Artesian conditions:** The occurrence of ground water under sufficient hydrostatic head to rise above the upper surface of the aquifer.
- Base flow:** Discharge entering stream channels as effluent from the ground-water reservoir; the fair-weather flow of streams.
- Cubic feet per second (cfs):** The discharge of a stream of rectangular cross section, 1 foot wide and 1 foot deep, whose velocity is 1 foot per second; equivalent to 448.8 gallons per minute.
- Cone of depression:** A conical depression, on a water table or other potentiometric surface, produced by a pumping well.
- Direct runoff:** The water that moves over the land surface directly to streams promptly after rainfall or snowmelt.
- Dip of beds:** The angle at which the formation or bed is inclined from the horizontal, measured at a right angle to the strike.
- Discharge, ground water:** The process by which water is removed from the zone of saturation; also, the quantity of water removed.
- Drawdown:** The lowering of the water table or other potentiometric surface caused by pumping (or artesian flow).
- Evapotranspiration:** Water withdrawn from a land area by direct evaporation from water surfaces and moist soil and by plant transpiration.
- Fault:** A fracture or fracture zone along which there has been displacement of the two sides relative to one another parallel to the fracture. The displacement may be a few inches or many miles.
- Formation:** A fundamental unit in rock stratigraphic classification. It is a body of rock characterized by lithologic homogeneity; it is prevailingly but not necessarily tabular and is mappable at the earth's surface or traceable in the subsurface.
- Fracture:** A break in rocks.
- Generalized geologic section:** The description of the prominent features in a sequence of rocks. Minor features are neglected.
- Ground-water reservoir:** An aquifer or a group of related aquifers.
- Head (hydrostatic head):** The height of a vertical column of water, the weight of which, in a unit cross section, is equal to the hydrostatic pressure at a point.
- Homocline:** A structural condition in which the beds dip uniformly in one direction.
- Hydraulic gradient:** The rate of change in hydrostatic head per unit of distance in a given direction.
- Overdraft:** The withdrawal from the ground of more water than is replaced by recharge. This results in excessive lowering of the water level in the ground and the eventual failure of a well in the overdraft area.
- Perched ground water:** Ground water separated from an underlying body of ground water by unsaturated deposits.
- Permeability:** The capacity of a material to transmit a fluid.

Porosity: The ratio of the aggregate volume of interstices in a rock or deposit to its total volume, expressed as a percentage.

Potentiometric surface: The surface that represents the static ground-water head. It is defined by the levels to which water will rise in tightly cased wells.

Recharge, ground water: The process by which water is added to the zone of saturation; also, the quantity of water added.

Runoff: That part of the precipitation that appears in streams. It is the same as streamflow unaffected by artificial diversions, storage, or other works of man in or on the stream channels.

Saturation, zone of: The zone in which interconnected interstices are saturated with water under pressure equal to or greater than atmospheric.

Soil-tonal alignments: The arrangement of similar tones or shades of color in a particular direction on an aerial photograph due to a similarity in the properties of the soil.

Specific capacity: The yield of a well, in gallons per minute, divided by the drawdown of the water level in the well, in feet, near the end of pumping.

Stream-gaging station: A gaging station where a record of discharge of a stream is obtained. Within the U.S. Geological Survey this term is used only for those gaging stations where a continuous record of discharge is obtained.

Surface water: Water on the surface of the earth.

Transpiration: The process by which vapor escapes from the living plant, principally the leaves, and enters the atmosphere.

Unconformity: A surface of erosion that separates younger strata from older rocks.

Vadose water: Water in the zone of aeration.

Water table: The potentiometric surface of an unconfined water body where the pressure is equal to that of one atmosphere.

Water-table conditions: The conditions under which water occurs in an aquifer that is not overlain by an impermeable body and has a water table.

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