

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Water Resources Division Well Schedule Form

MASTER CARD

COUNTY HWY

Record by D. AARONSON Source of data FILE Date 6/22/65 Map 1:63,360

State IOWA County CHEROKEE (or town) 118

Latitude: 42° 51' 35" N Longitude: 095° 32' 43" W Sequential number: 1

Lat-long Accuracy: 2 T 93 S, R 40 Sec 23, NW 1, SW 1, NW 5

Local well number: 03340W236510 Other number: W-0687

Local use: 00687 38 CITY Owner or name: LARRABEE CITY WELL #1

Owner or name: LARRABEE IOWA Address: LARRABEE, IOWA

Ownership: County, Fed Gov't, (N) City, Corp or Co, Private, State Agency, Water Dist 1

Use of water: (A) Air cond, (C) Comm, (D) Dewatering, (F) Fire, (H) Dom, (I) Irr, (N) Ind, (P) Stock, (S) Instit, (U) Unused 1

Use of well: (A) Anode, (D) Drain, (S) Seismic, (O) Obs, (P) Oil-gas, (R) Recharge, (S) Spring, (T) Test, (U) Unused, (W) Withdraw, (X) Waste, (Z) Destroyed W

DATA AVAILABLE: Well data 1 Freq. W/L meas.: INTERMITTENT Field aquifer char. 1

Hyd. lab. data: 1

Qual. water data: type: COMPLETE

Freq. sampling: INTERMITTENT Pumpage inventory: yes 1 no 1 period: 1

Aperture cards: 1

Log data: GEOLOGIST LOG

WELL-DESCRIPTION CARD

SAME AS ON MASTER CARD Depth well: 378 ft Meas. 378 accuracy 1

Depth cased: 340 ft Casing type: STEEL Diam. 6 in

Finish: (C) porous concrete, (F) gravel w. concrete, (G) gravel w. screen, (H) gravel w. gallery, (I) gravel w. open end, (P) pebbles, (S) screen, (T) sd. pt., (W) shored, (X) open hole, (Z) other 1

Method: (A) air bored, (B) cable, (C) dug, (D) hyd. jetted, (E) air reverse, (F) percussion, (G) trenching, (H) driven, (I) drive wash, (J) other 1

Date Drilled: MARCH 17, 1938 Pump intake setting: 257 ft

Driller: H. A. PIXLER Address: LARRABEE, IOWA

Life: (A) air, (B) bucket, (C) cent. jet, (D) multiple, (E) multiple, (F) none, (G) piston, (H) rec, (I) submerg, (J) curb, (K) other 1 Deep 1 Shallow 1

Power: (type) diesel, elec, gas, gasoline, hand, gas, wind, 1 Trans. or meter no. 1

Descrip. MP 3 ft above 1379 lsd, alt. MP 1379

Alt. ESP: 1376 Accuracy: 1

Water Level: 120' 3/4" Accuracy: 1 REPT 1

Date meas: 3/18/38 Yield: 50.5 gpm Method determined 1

Drawdown: 3' 1/2" Accuracy: 1 Pumping period 1

QUALITY OF WATER DATA: Iron 746 ppm Sulfate 825 ppm Chloride 3 ppm Hard. 1064 ppm

Sp. Conduct 1240 K x 10<sup>6</sup> Temp. 48 °F Date sampled 1/29/60

Taste, color, etc. VERY TURBID - YELLOW COLOR ON RECEIPT IN C15

93-40-23 666

Well Number 42 51 35 N 035, 32, 43

HYDROGEOLOGIC CARD

SAME AS ON MASTER CARD

Physiographic Province: CENTRAL LOWLAND 1:2 Section: WEST. 2

Drainage Basin: LAKE B Little Sioux 3:6 C Subbasin: 26

Topo of well site: (D) local depression, (F) flat surface, (H) hilltop, (S) hillside, (T) terrace, (V) valley flat, UPLAND 27 H

MAJOR AQUIFER: CRETACEOUS LOWER K:1 DAKOTA SANDSTONE D:1

Lithology: MEDIUM SANDSTONE 3:Y Origin: MARINE 6

Length of well open to: 35 ft Depth to top of: 304 ft

MINOR AQUIFER: 44 45

Lithology: 46 47 Origin: 48

Length of well open to: ft Depth to top of: ft

Intervals Screened: 38' SCREENED FROM 340' to 378'

Depth to consolidated rock: 300 ft 3:0:0 Source of data: WELL CUTTINGS 4

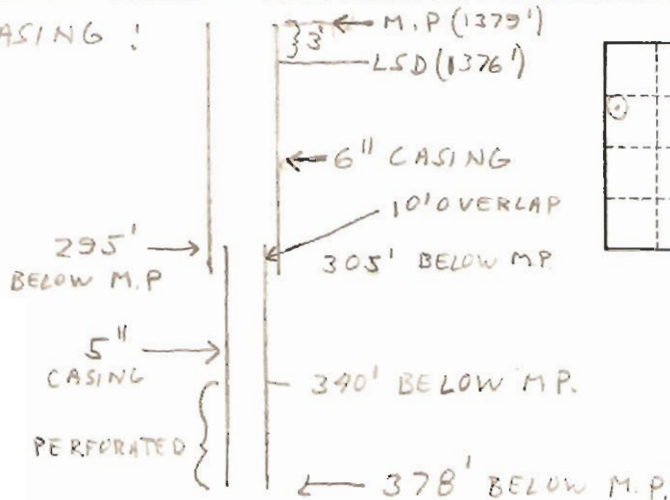
Depth to basement: ft Source of data: 5

Surficial material: NO SAMPLE Infiltration characteristics: POOR 7:4

Coefficient Trans: gpd/ft Coefficient Storage: 70 71

Coefficient Perm: gpd/ft<sup>2</sup> Spec cap: 16.6 gpm/ft; Number of geologic cards: 79

CASING !





5/19 field located by L. Fischer

on 7 1/2' Cherokee North Quad

IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

W-0687

425140N-0953232E

093-40W-23-8C8D

Twp. EL. 1374'

In Cooperation with U. S. Geological Survey

RECORD OF WELL

Location:

Town: Larabee ( N E )  
( S W ); County Cherokee

NW-SW-NW sec. 23 T. 93 N., R. 40 W. Cedar Twp.

Well name and number City Well #1

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor H. A. Pyley Address Larabee

Drillers \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling dates Dec. 27, 1937 - March 12, 1938

Well data:

Elevations: Drilling curb 1379' feet; Land surface 1376' feet

Determined by \_\_\_\_\_

Topographic position \_\_\_\_\_

Total depth: Reported 578' feet, Measured \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Drilling method Jetted

Hole and casing data Entire well cased. 6" casing from +3' to 302'  
(Give amount, size, kind, and depth of all casing; type and  
83' of 5" casing lower 30' perforated. 295' - 378'  
position of seals and packers; cementing; how finished--perforated pipe, screen,  
gravel pack, open hole, etc.)

Original depth to water 190 <sup>above</sup> ft. below curb Date \_\_\_\_\_

Original elevation of water level \_\_\_\_\_ ft.; Source of data \_\_\_\_\_

Sources of water: Principal 304-375 Dakota; Others Pleist.



Production data:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Static depth to water \_\_\_\_\_

Measuring point \_\_\_\_\_

Pumping level \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

g.p.m.

Specific capacity \_\_\_\_\_

g.p.m. per ft. drawdown; Temperature \_\_\_\_\_

°F.

Pump data; Type pump \_\_\_\_\_

Column Dia. \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Cylinder or bowls: Dia. \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Suction pipe \_\_\_\_\_

Power \_\_\_\_\_

Airline \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated rate of production: \_\_\_\_\_

g.p.m. for \_\_\_\_\_

hrs. a day

Use of water \_\_\_\_\_

## WATER ANALYSES (in parts per million)

Date sampled

March 18, 1938

Sampled by

H.G. Hershey

Total solids

1677.0

Insoluble matter

27.0

Alkalinity (Meo)

372.0

Alkalinity (Phn)

0.0

pH

6.9 $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ 16.0

Alkali as sodium

99.9

Calcium

275.8

Magnesium

78.4

Iron (unfiltered)

0.1

Manganese

1.00

Nitrate

0.00

Fluoride

1.0

Chloride

9.0

Sulfate

820.7

Bicarbonate

453.8

Hardness (ppm)

1013.0

Hardness (gpg)

59.2

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory data:

Sample storage location \_\_\_\_\_

Sample range \_\_\_\_\_

No. spls. \_\_\_\_\_

No. dupls. &amp; cond. \_\_\_\_\_

Spls. prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

Washed range \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

Driller's log and cond. Yes

Insoluble residues: Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

Studied by \_\_\_\_\_

Strip log \_\_\_\_\_

Microscopic study \_\_\_\_\_

strip log \_\_\_\_\_

Gen. log ✓

Correl. by \_\_\_\_\_

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey  
Water Resources DivisionLocal Well No. 093-40W-23BCBAquifer Code(s) KID1Water Quality  
(ppm)Owner's Name LARRABEE CITY #1 (1938)W Number 00687

Card Q

State: Iowa 19 County: CHEROKEE 18 Town: LARRABEE, IOWA

Well No. 425135N 0953243 Seq. No. 1 Date 031838

Sampling Depth 378 Type 1 Kx10<sup>6</sup>      pH 6.9 Temp. °F 51

SiO<sub>2</sub>      Ca 276 Mg 78 Na + K 100 K C

HCO<sub>3</sub> 454 CO<sub>3</sub>      SO<sub>4</sub> 821 Cl 90 Source No. 3Q

Card R

Duplicate Columns 1-25 from Card Q

F 10 NO<sub>3</sub> 0 PO<sub>4</sub> 0 B      Al      Fe 1

Mn 10 Cu      Pb      Zn     

Determined 11680 Solids      Calc.      Ca, Mg 1010 Hardness Non-Carb. 641

Color      No. R

Card S

Duplicate Columns 1-25 from Card Q

Br      I      Alk. as CaCO<sub>3</sub> 372 Free CO<sub>2</sub>      SAR     

RSC      ABS               

Alpha (pc/l)      Beta (pc/l)      Ra (pc/l)      U (ug/l)     

No. S  
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Water Resources DivisionLocal Well No. 093-40W-23BCBAquifer Code(s) KIDIWater Quality  
(ppm)Owner's Name LARRABEE CITY #1 (1938)W Number 00687

## Card Q

State: Iowa 1.9 County: CHEROKEE 1.8 Town: LARRABEE, Iowa

Latitude Longitude Seq. No. Date

Well No. 425135N 0953243 1 052253

Sampling Depth 378 Type 1 Kx10<sup>6</sup> 1630 pH 7.3 Temp. °F     

SiO<sub>2</sub>      Ca 281 Mg 88 Na 85 K 55

HCO<sub>3</sub> 422 CO<sub>3</sub> 0 SO<sub>4</sub> 860 Cl 40 Source No. 3 Q

## Card R

Duplicate Columns 1-25 from Card Q

F 5 NO<sub>3</sub> 30 PO<sub>4</sub>      B      Al      Fe 2

Mn 10 Cu      Pb      Zn     

Solids      Hardness Non-Carb. 718

Determined 1650 Calc.      Ca, Mg 1060

Color      No. R

## Card S

Duplicate Columns 1-25 from Card Q

Br      I      Alk. as CaCO<sub>3</sub> 346 Free CO<sub>2</sub>      SAR     

RSC      ABS          

Alpha (pc/l)      Beta (pc/l)      Ra (pc/l)      U (ug/l)     

No. S  
80Recorded by: D. AARONSONPunched by: J Date: 10/10

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Geological Survey  
Water Resources Division

093-40w-23 BCB

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Water Quality  
(ppm)

Card Q

1665

State: 10WA 116 County: CHEROKEE 118 Town: LARRABEE

Well No. 425135N 0953243 Seq. No. 1 Date 012960

Latitude Longitude

Sampling Depth 378 Type 1 Kx10<sup>6</sup> 1940 pH 7.5 Temp. °F 48

SiO<sub>2</sub> 32.3 Ca 287 Mg 84 Na 80 K 7.4

HCO<sub>3</sub> 468 CO<sub>3</sub> 0 SO<sub>4</sub> 825 Cl 3.0 Source No. 3 Q

Card R

Duplicate Columns 1-25 from Card Q

F 1.5 NO<sub>3</sub> 9 PO<sub>4</sub> 1 B 1 Al 1 Fe 7.5

Mn 1.4 Cu 1 Pb 1 Zn 1

Solids 1730 Hardness 1060

Determined 1730 Calc. 1060 Ca, Mg 1060 Non-Carb. 680

Color 1 No. R

Card S

Duplicate Columns 1-25 from Card Q

Br 1 I 1 Alk. as CaCO<sub>3</sub> 384 Free CO<sub>2</sub> 1 SAR 1

RSC 1 ABS 1 1

Alpha (pc/l) 1 Beta (pc/l) 1 Ra (pc/l) 1 U (ug/l) 1

No. 5  
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Recorded by: D. AARONSON

Verified PMJ  
Punched by: Punched FCB Date:           
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IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
Generalized Log Based on Detailed  
Description of Drill Cuttings

Name of Well: Larabee City Well Survey No. W- 0687  
 Location R. 40W  
 Drilled by: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 23, T.93N., R.40W. Date Dec. 27, 1937-Mar. 17, 1938  
 Total Depth: 378 ft; Curb Elevation: 1377 ft; Static Level: 1579 ft.  
 Casing Data: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor: H. A. Pixler, Larabee, Iowa  
 Pump and Screen Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Pumping Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Min; Gal. Per Min. \_\_\_\_\_; Drawdown \_\_\_\_\_ ft. in \_\_\_\_\_ min.

		<u>Description of Formations</u>		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Rock Unit</u>	<u>Thick.</u>	<u>From</u> <u>(Feet)</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Pleistocene System</u>				
1.	No samples.	42'	0'	42'
2.	Clay, yellowish gray to gray, containing numerous granules to small pebbles, clay highly calcareous and gives off strong odor hydrogen sulphide when treated with HCl. Numerous limestone, shale, and igneous fragments present.	107'	42'	149'
3.	Sand, gray, medium grained, major grade $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ mm. principal subsidiary grade $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ mm. (reversed in the zone from 160'-165'), angular to subangular, rather poorly sorted and containing numerous granules and small pebbles. Considerable igneous material and limestone and shale fragments	53'	149'	202'
4.	Silt (Loess or clay) pinkish buff, very well sorted, noncalcareous, unconsolidated, contains small percentage of Quartz and rock granules--possibly cave	40'	202'	242'
5.	Sand, light gray, medium grained, major grade $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ mm., principal subsidiary grade $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ mm., angular to subangular, considerable igneous material	21'	242'	263'
6.	Clay (?) brown, no sample	5'	263'	268'
7.	Clay, hard, blue, mixed with gravel. No sample.	32'	268'	300'
8.	Sand, light gray, medium to fine grained, major grade $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ mm., principal subsidiary grade $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ mm., angular to subangular, poorly sorted, occasional granules and small pebbles	16'	300'	316'

Notes: major grade  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{4}$  mm., principal subsidiary grade  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{8}$  mm., angular to subangular, poorly sorted, occasional granules and small pebbles



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	<u>Thick.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9. Sand, gray buff, coarse to fine grained, poorly sorted, (major grade $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ mm., principal subsidiary grade $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ mm.), considerable igneous material	4'	316'	320'
10. Sand, gray buff, medium to fine grained, (major grade $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ mm., principal subsidiary grade $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{8}$ mm.), well sorted. 5 per cent of granules between 355' and 365' considerable igneous material.	58'	320'	378'

## No. \_\_\_\_\_

Record obtained from H. A. Pixler Recorded by H. G. Hershey



## LARRABEE CITY WELL NO. 1.

## Results of Pumping Test

March 18, 1938

WINTER ENGINEERING CO.  
INSURANCE EXCHANGE BUILDING  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA

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Time	Water Level	Production in G.P.M.	Temperature Air Water		Remarks
1:45	190'-3-1/2"				Pump started at 1:45 P.M. Static Level = 190'-3-1/2"
1:46	192'-9"				
1:47	193'-2"				Water dirty
1:48	193'-7"				
1:49	194'-0"				
1:50	194'-5"	59			Water has strong odor
1:55	194'-5"				
2:00	193'-8"	50.5			
2:05	193'-11"	55.3			Water clearing
2:15	193'-10"		48°	51-1/2°	
2:25	193'-11"				
2:35	193'-8"	50.5			
2:45	193'-7-1/2"				
3:00	193'-8"				
3:15	193'-8"	52.8	45°	51-1/2°	
3:30	193'-7-1/2"				
3:45	193'-6-1/2"	50.5			
4:15	193'-7"				
4:45	193'-4"	47.3	43°	51-1/2°	Pump stopped for repair at 5:02 P.M.
5:03	190'-11"				
5:04	190'-9-1/2"				
5:05	190'-8-1/2"				
5:06	190'-8"				
5:07	190'-7-1/2"				
5:12	190'-7"				Pump started at 5:12 P.M. Pump slow, estimated 50 G.P.M.
5:13	192'-8"				
5:14	192'-8"				
5:17	192'-10"				
5:22	193'-11"	51			Pump speeded up slightly
5:27	193'-4"	47.3			
6:12	193'-1"	44.8	42°	51-1/4°	Pump speeded up.
7:20	194'-0"	59			
7:30	194'-1-1/2"	64.2	42°	51-1/4°	Pump pounding. Sample taken for mineral analysis. Water not completely clear and has slight odor. pumping continued for unknow period.
7:40	193'-5"	50			

All measurements on this sheet made directly by:

H. G. Hershey,  
Iowa Geological Survey.

Dr Hershey.

This is a very fine report.

W.E. Buell



# Larabee City Well No 1

## Results of Pumping Test

March 18, 1938

Time	Water Level	Production G.P.M	Temperature Air	Water	Remarks
1:45	190' 3 1/2"				Pump started at 1:45 pm. Static level = 190' 3 1/2" Water dirty
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1:47	193' 2"				
1:48	193' 7"				
1:49	194' 0"				
1:50	194' 5"	59			Water has strong odor
1:55	194' 5"				
2:00	193' 8"	50.5			Water Clearing
2:05	193' 11"	55.3			
2:15	193' 10"		48°	51 1/2°	
2:25	193' 11"				
2:35	193' 8"	50.5			
2:45	193' 7 1/2"				
3:00	193' 8"				
3:15	193' 8"	52.8	45°	51 1/2°	
3:30	193' 7 1/2"				
3:45	193' 6 1/2"	50.5			
4:15	193' 7"				Pump Stopped for repair at 5:02 pm
4:45	193' 4"	47.3	43°	51 1/2°	
5:03	190' 11"				
5:04	190' 9 1/2"				
5:05	190' 8 1/2"				
5:06	190' 8"				Pump started at 5:12 pm Pump slow, estimated 50 gpm ±
5:07	190' 7 1/2"				
5:12	190' 5"				
5:13	192' 8"				
5:14	192' 8"				
5:17	192' 10"				Pump speeded up slightly
5:20	193' 11"	51			
5:27	193' 4"	47.3			Pump speeded up Pump pounding Sample taken for mineral analysis. Water not completely clear and has slight odor Pumping continued for unknown period
6:12	193' 1"	44.8	42°	51 1/4°	
7:20	194' 0"	59			
7:30	194' 1 1/2"	64.2	42°	51 1/4°	
7:40	193' 5"	50			

Copy of above given to City of Larabee

H. J. J.

Elevation 1380'

This copy by EEH



BUELL & WINTER ENGINEERING CO.  
INSURANCE EXCHANGE BUILDING  
SIOUX CITY, - - IOWA

*Larrabee  
Cherokee*

March 22, 1938

Public Works Administration  
Omaha, Nebraska

RE: Docket No. Ia-1356-D.S.  
Larrabee, Iowa waterworks

Gentlemen:

We are attachine hereto one copy of the result of the pumping test made by Dr. H. G. Hershey of the Iowa Geological Survey for the new well at Larrabee and also a copy of the letter written by Mr. Jack J. Hinman, Assistant Director of the State Hygienic Laboratory of the Iowa State Department of Health. We would call particular attention to the paragraph in his letter, as follows:

"It is noted that this specimen which is proposed to be sent, will come from a new source. Probably the well has not been completed as yet or has been finished less than four or five weeks. Unless the well has been sterilized by the use of some such material as chloride of lime or calcium hypochlorite, it is likely that the recentness of drilling will render the examination of little value. It is usual to find that it takes about four or five weeks after the completion of the well to remove bacteria normally carried into the well during the insertion of the casing, and with the tools used in the course of the work. It is important therefore that an unfavorable report issued soon after the completion of the well and on the basis of the examination of a sample taken at that time shall not be considered as definitely condemning the supply."

Without doubt the mineral analysis of this water will be furnished by Dr. Hershey within a very few days. Mr. Mark of the Iowa State Board of Health is taking a sample of the water today for the bacteriological analysis. We anticipate that the bacteriological analysis will not show that the water is pure in accordance with the statement made by Mr. Hinman.

There can be no question as regards the purity of this water in the future. The well is 375' deep and is tightly cased from a point 2' above the ground down to and extending into the sandstone. The casing is of the same size, and thus no lapping of two sizes of casing was required or a seal required. Consequently there is no possibility of any water finding its way into this well except from the sandstone 375' below the surface. The well sets high and all drainage is away from the well.

C. W. Roland, the contractor on the pipe line is very anxious to order out his material not later than Friday of this week because of the fact that next Monday there will be an increase in the Freight Rate.



P W A - Omaha  
3/22/38  
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Mr. Roland took this work at a very reasonable price and we would like very much to have the necessary right to instruct Mr. Roland to start shipping his pipe by Friday of this week in order to save any increase in the freight rate. In looking over the specifications the first thought is that this responsibility is entirely Mr. Roland's and that the city would not be liable in any way by reason of any increase in freight rates. We would further call attention to the fact that the well was supposed to be completed on the first day of February but was not completed until this week. That the contractor on the well, Mr. Pixler, was given an extension of time by the town council and such extension was approved by the P.W.A. Had the well been completed on February 1st Mr. Roland would not have been put to this extra expense of the extra freight in the event that we are not permitted to order his material to be shipped this week. There is a question then as to whether or not Mr. Roland will not be entitled to claim an extra for this freight.

There is no question in our minds about this being a satisfactory well from a bacteriological standpoint. The quality of the water, we believe will be satisfactory. Perhaps there are better water supplies but certainly there are a great many waters which municipalities are using which are a good deal worse than this ever possibly could be at Larrabee. Anyone familiar with the municipal supplies in North and South Dakota and many of the southern Minnesota cities will know that this water at Larrabee, simply by inspection, is of better quality than in any of the above named states. We would have no hesitancy whatever in approving this supply as being entirely satisfactory and in notifying Mr. Roland to start shipping his material this week.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Weiters of the Iowa State Board of Health at Des Moines, Mr. Wm. Mark of the Iowa State Board of Health at LeMars, Dr. H. G. Hershey of the Iowa Geological Survey, to the town of Larrabee and to Mr. John A. Murphy, District Engineer, PWA, Cherokee, Iowa, hoping that it will be possible for Mr. Weiters and Mr. Hershey to approve this as a satisfactory water supply prior to Friday of this week and to notify the PWA at Omaha that they deem the same satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

BUELL & WINTER ENGINEERING CO.

WEB:ER

By \_\_\_\_\_

Copies to: Mr. A.H.Weiters - Des Moines  
Mr. Wm. Mark - LeMars  
Dr. H.G.Hershey - Iowa City  
Town of Larrabee  
Mr. John A. Murphy - Cherokee,



March 26, 1938

Mr. R. A. Radford  
Regional Director  
Public Works Administration  
Farm Credit Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Mr. C. W. Roland, the contractor who is to put in the water mains at Larrabee, Cherokee County, Iowa, under P. W. A., has requested that I write to you regarding the quantity of water available in the formations penetrated by the new Larrabee town well.

From samples of well cuttings submitted by the driller during the construction of the well we interpret the producing formations as basal Nebraskan sand and Dakota sandstone. The Dakota sandstone immediately underlies the glacial drift at Larrabee. The basal Nebraskan sand and the Dakota sandstone are the two principal water producing formations in Cherokee County and northwestern Iowa. In most cases only one of the formations is utilized. Other towns in Cherokee County which use one or both of these aquifers for municipal water supplies are Cleghorn, Aurelia, and Cherokee. In the surrounding counties numerous other towns obtain water from the same source.

During the pumping test of the Larrabee well on March 18, I was present for about six hours of the reported eight-hour run. A sheet is attached for your convenience which shows the measurements which I made at that time on water levels, productions, and temperatures. These measurements indicate a strong well. The drawdown is less at various productions than average for town wells over the state, and the fact that the water level remains approximately constant over long periods of time with approximately constant productions signifies that the supply is a suitable one.



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The type of work shown on the data sheet is detailed and such work has been carried on for a relatively short time by the Geological Survey. Unfortunately, we do not have such detailed measurements on other wells in the immediate vicinity of Larrabee, but the following general data may be useful to you. At Cherokee in well No. 2, which has a larger diameter than the Larrabee well and which obtains water from the Dakota sandstone alone, the drawdown is 18 feet after the well has been pumping 2 hours at 673 g.p.m. At Cleghorn where the Nebraskan sand and Dakota sandstone are both used the drawdown according to Dr. A. C. Tester is 285 feet after the well has pumped 30 minutes at 75 g.p.m. At Primghar in a well drawing from the Dakota sandstone the drawdown is reported as 15 feet when the well is pumping 80 g.p.m., and in a well producing from the basal Nebraskan sand the drawdown is 90 feet after the well has pumped 30 minutes at 125 g.p.m. At Sutherland a well producing from the basal Nebraskan sand is reported to have a drawdown of 3 feet when pumping 80 g.p.m. You will see that the Larrabee well compares favorably with wells in surrounding towns.

In conclusion and based on my measurements during the pumping test, I am confident that the formations penetrated and utilized by the Larrabee well are capable of producing more water than the town will use over a period of years.

Mr. Roland indicated to me that he is extremely anxious to begin work on the pipe line at the first possible moment. May I suggest, therefore, that you wire me if you have any questions on the above statements or if you desire additional information.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Hershey

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