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Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith County Mineral Report 2, Mineral Resources of Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington Counties, prepared under my direction.

The information in this report was compiled from field data collected by the Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington county sections of the Work Projects Administration State Mineral Survey, together with information contained in state and federal reports. It contains, therefore, important information regarding the mineral resources of these counties.

The purpose of the State Mineral Survey, sponsored by the Arkansas Geological Survey, is to locate and determine the extent and value of mineral deposits, rocks, and ground waters of Arkansas which may contribute to the wealth of the state. Provision is also made for the publication of mineral resource reports on counties or groups of counties.

Respectfully submitted,


State Geologist

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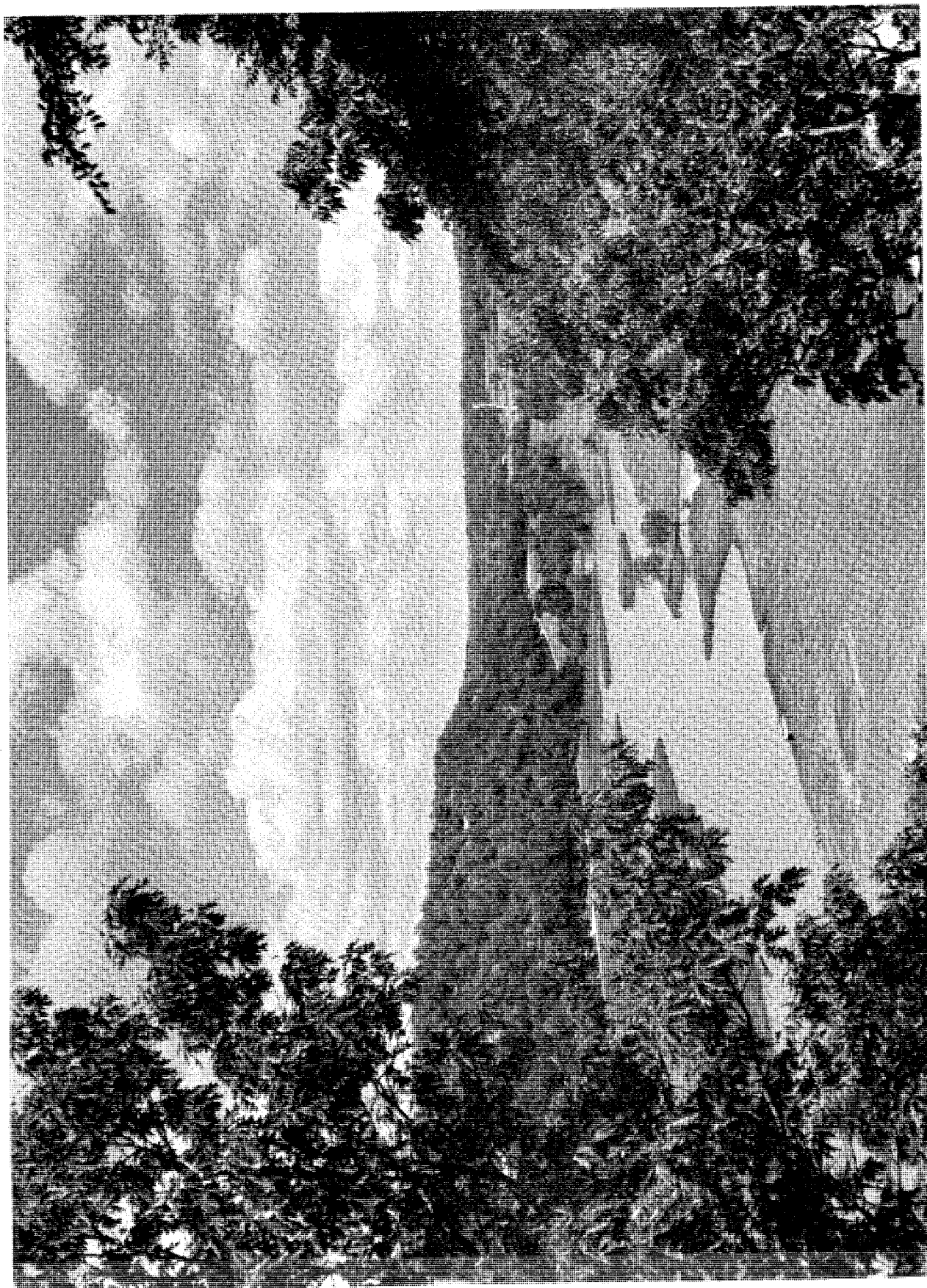
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VIEW AT BELLA VISTA, BENTON COUNTY LOOKING NORTHEAST
LITTLE SUGAR CREEK AND TYPICAL TOPOGRAPHY OF THE SPRINGFIELD PLATEAU
(PHOTO BY ARKANSAS STATE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT)

I N T R O D U C T I O N

Washington County is situated in the northwestern part of Arkansas and is bounded on the north by Benton County, on the east by Madison County, on the south by Crawford County, and on the west by Adair County, Oklahoma. (See fig. 1.) The county contains 20 complete geographical townships and parts of 16 others, and includes 955 square miles, or 611,200 acres.

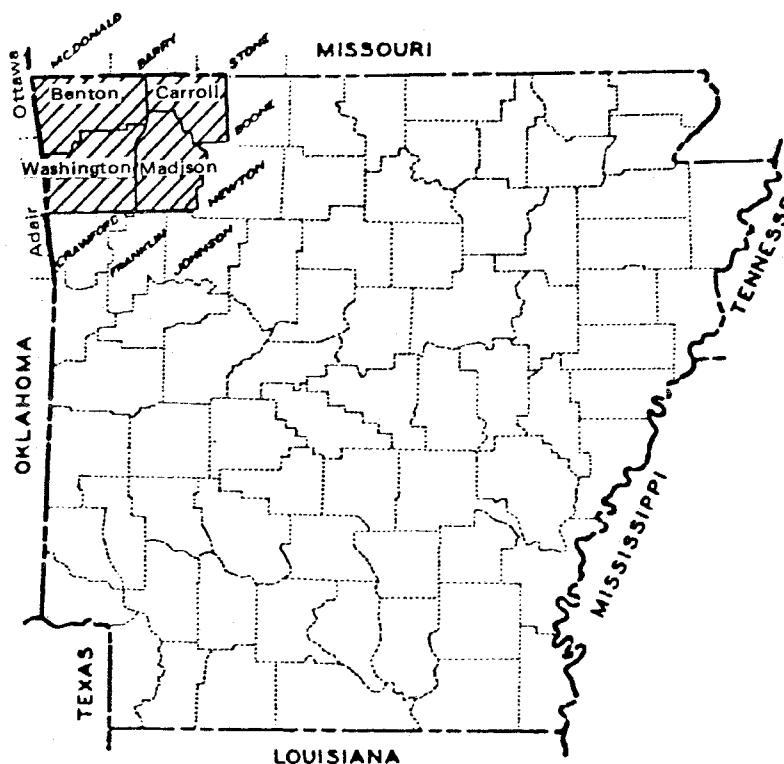


Figure 1. Location map of Benton, Carroll, Madison,
and Washington counties

According to the 1930 census, the county had a population of 39,255, of which 74 per cent is classed as rural (the term rural is here used to designate population outside incorporated towns of 2,500 or more inhabitants.) The average density of the county population was 41.1 persons per square mile, which is to be compared to the state average of 35.3 persons.

Fayetteville is the county seat, site of the State University and the largest town in Washington County, with a population of 7,394. The four towns next in population rank are Springdale (2,763), Prairie Grove (743), Lincoln (687), and West Fork (392).

Benton County is situated in the extreme northwestern corner of Arkansas and is bounded on the north by McDonald and Barry counties, Missouri, on the east by Carroll and Madison counties, on the south by Washington County, and on the west by Delaware and Adair counties, Oklahoma. (See fig. 1.) The county contains 15 complete geographical townships and parts of 20 others, and includes 876 square miles, or 560,640 acres.

In 1930 the county had a population of 35,253, of which 90 per cent is classed as rural. The average density of the county population was 40.2 persons per square mile, which is to be compared to the state average of 35.3 persons.

Bentonville is the county seat and third largest town in Benton County, with a population of 2,203. The four largest towns in population rank are Rogers (3,554),

Siloam Springs (2,378), Bentonville (2,203), and Gravette (812).

Carroll County is situated on the northern boundary of Arkansas. It is bounded on the north by Barry, Stone, and Taney counties, Missouri, on the east by Boone County, on the south by Newton and Madison counties, and on the west by Benton County. (See fig. 1.) The county contains 8 complete geographical townships and parts of 17 others, and includes 641 square miles, or 410,240 acres.

In 1930 the county had a population of 15,820, all of which is classed as rural. The average density of the county population was 24.7 persons per square mile in 1930, as compared to the state average of 35.3 persons.

Eureka Springs and Berryville are the county seats of Carroll County. Eureka Springs, the largest town, had a population of 2,276 in 1930. The four towns next in population rank are Berryville (1,286), Green Forest (745), Dry Fork (161), Mundell (135).

Madison County is situated in northwestern Arkansas and is bounded on the north by Carroll County, on the east by Newton County, on the south by Johnson, Franklin, and Crawford counties, and on the west by Washington and Benton counties. (See fig. 1.) The county contains 14 complete geographical townships and parts of 20 others, and includes 836 square miles, or 535,040 acres.

In 1930 the county had a population of 13,334, all of which is classed as rural. The average density of the county population was 15.95 persons per square mile in 1930 as compared to the state average of 35.3 persons.

Huntsville is the county seat and largest town in Madison County, with a population of 602 in 1930. The four towns next in population rank are Delaney (300), Combs (214), Pettigrew (210), and St. Paul (198).

The climate of the entire area is mild, although the summer temperature sometimes reaches 100° F. The average annual rainfall ranges from 40 to 55 inches, being greater in the eastern part of the area. The rainfall is slightly greater in March, April, and May, and less in August, September, and October, than during the remainder of the year.

Washington, Benton, Madison, and Carroll counties lie within the physiographic division known as the Ozark Plateaus. The southern portion of Washington and Madison counties exhibits a rough topography, and lies within the physiographic subdivision known as the Boston Mountains. The northern portions of Washington and Madison counties and most of Benton County have relatively little relief and lie within the Springfield Plateau physiographic subdivision.

A small portion of eastern Benton County and a large portion of northern Carroll County lie within the Salem Plateau physiographic subdivision. This plateau, although lower than the Springfield Plateau, has been deeply cut by numerous streams. (See fig. 2.)

Elevations above sea level range from more than 2,250 feet in the Boston Mountains (at the village of Sunset in Washington County and, the villages of Heath and Redstar in Madison County) to 908 feet in the Springfield Plateau (at Sulphur Springs in northwestern Benton County).

Most of the area covered by Washington, Benton, Madison, and Carroll counties is drained by White River and its tributaries which flow in a general northward direction from the Boston Mountains. The western portion of Benton County and the northwestern portion of Washington County are drained by the Illinois River. Northwestern Benton County is drained by Spavinaw Creek, which flows generally westward from the area. Drainage of the entire area is good, and overflow is virtually unknown.

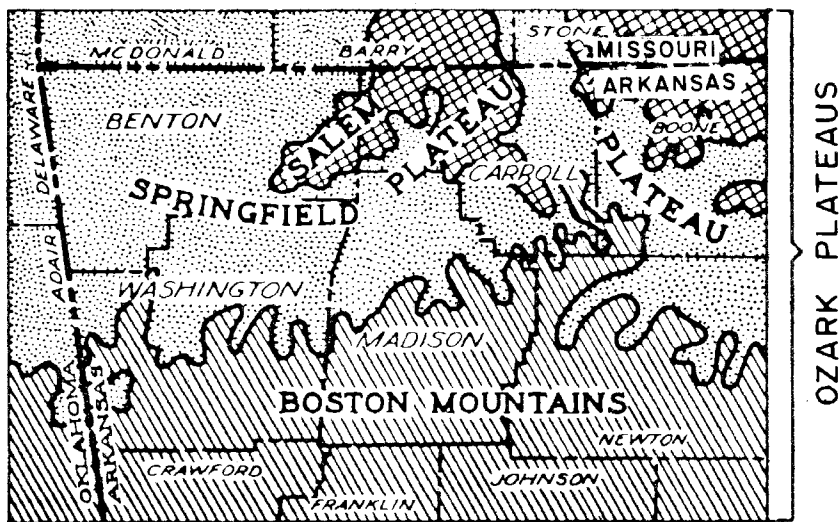


Figure 2. Physiographic map

U. S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangle maps of the Winslow, Tahlequah, Siloam Springs, Fayetteville, Eureka Springs, and Harrison quadrangles cover most of the area. (See fig. 3.) Each map covers 30 minutes of latitude and longitude. County Highway Planning Survey maps and State Geologic maps and topographic maps are also available.

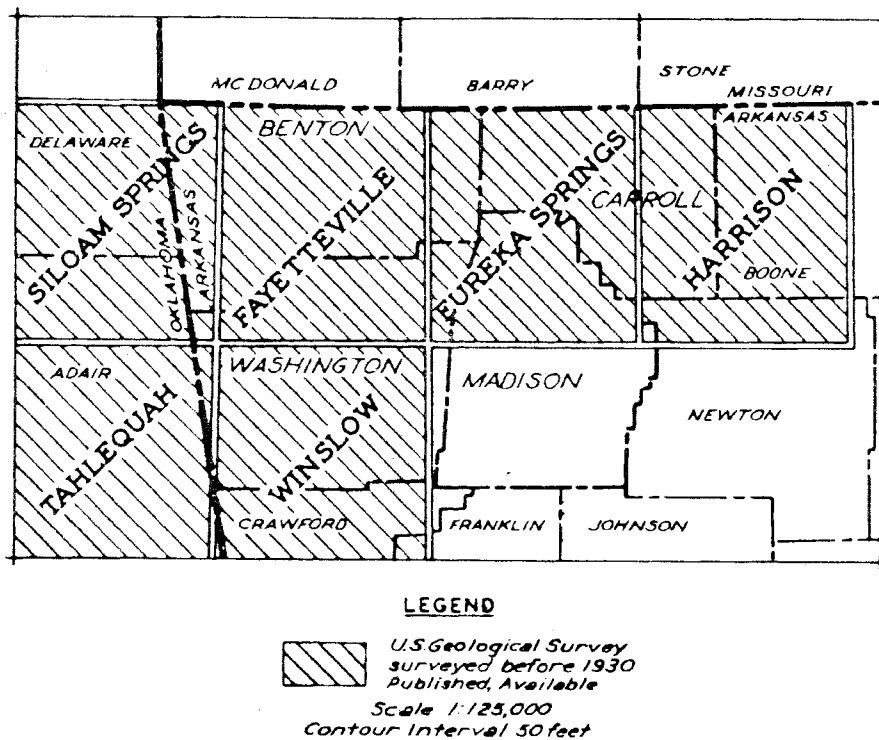


Figure 3. Geological and topographic maps available

Data, used in this report were obtained from field sheets of the Work Progress Administration State Mineral Survey, from U. S. Geological Survey and Arkansas Geological Survey maps and publications, and from reports of private investigations. Pub-

lished literature has been freely used, but where reference to specific material is made, acknowledgment of the source is given.

G E O L O G Y

DESCRIPTION AND SEQUENCE OF FORMATIONS

General Statement

The surface formations of this area are all sedimentary rocks, and consist of limestone, dolomite, sandstone, shale, and chert.

The rocks range in age from Lower Ordovician to Pennsylvanian. (See pls. I and II.) The older formations crop out in eastern Benton County and northwestern Carroll County. The younger formations are present in the Boston Mountains. The Cotter dolomite, Powell formation, Everton formation, and St. Peter sandstone are of Ordovician age; the Clifty limestone is of Devonian age; the Sylamore sandstone and Chattanooga shale are placed in the Devonian (?) in this report; the Boone formation, Batesville formation, Fayetteville shale, and Pitkin limestone are Mississippian in age; and the Hale sandstone, Bloyd shale, and Atoka formation are Pennsylvanian in age.

Brief descriptions of the formations exposed in this area follow. They are described in the order in which they were deposited. (See pl. II.)

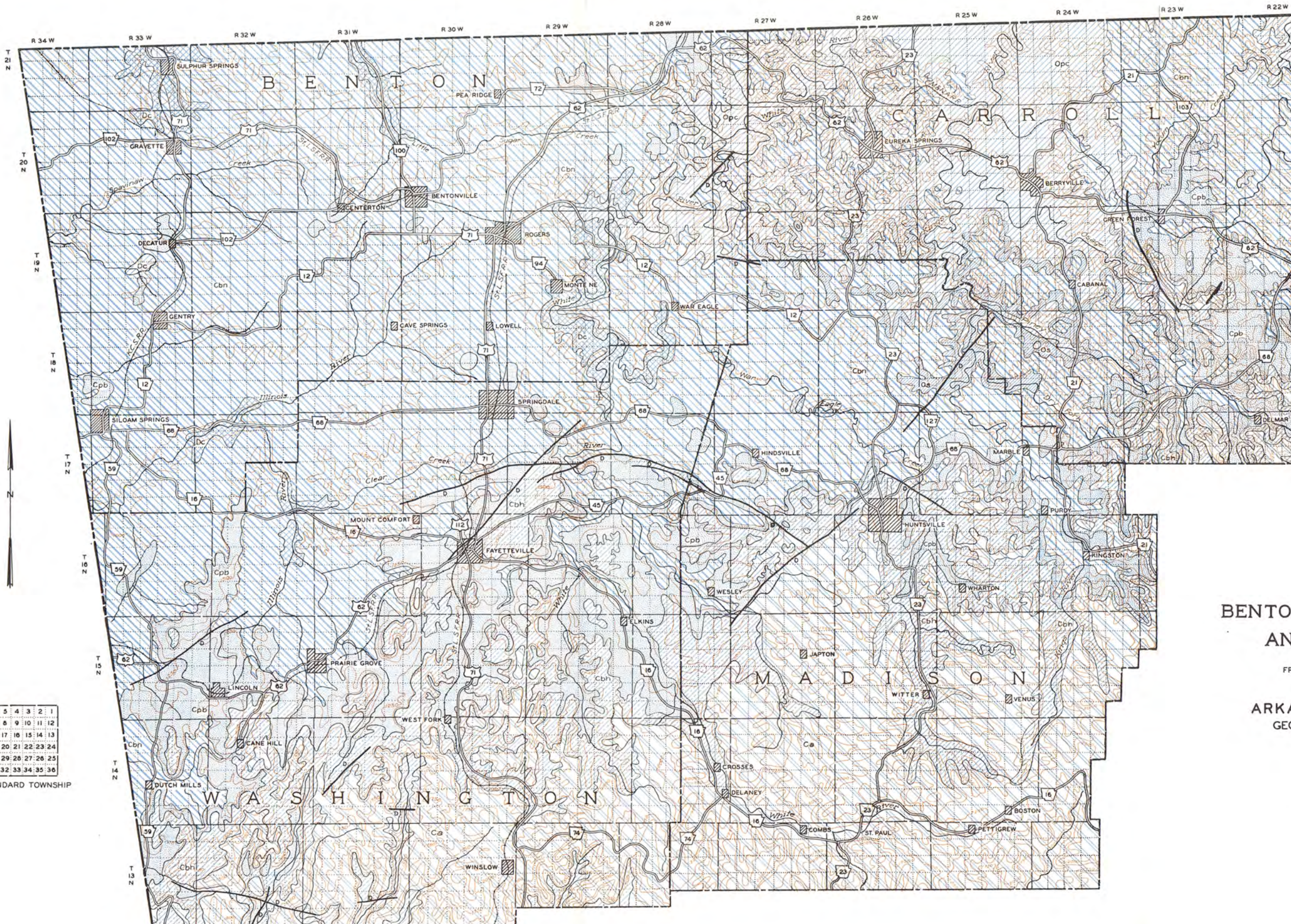
Lower Ordovician

Cotter dolomite. The Cotter dolomite is the oldest formation exposed in this area. As its name implies, it consists largely of dolomite rock but includes shale, chert, and sandstone in minor amounts. Berryville in Carroll County is built upon this formation. The formation is composed of two kinds of dolomite, (1) a massive, medium-grained gray rock, which becomes dark on exposure, and (2) a fine-grained, earthy white to buff rock, known locally as "cotton rock." These two types are interbedded with each other and with thinner layers of sandstone and shale or chert. The lime and magnesia occur in almost the exact proportions of a true dolomite. The Cotter dolomite is approximately 500 feet thick, and is exposed in northwestern Carroll County and eastern Benton County.

Powell formation. The Powell formation is composed of magnesian limestone and calcareous shale; at most places there is a conglomerate at the base. White chert, in the form of concentrically banded nodules, is distributed through parts of the limestone, but at no place abundantly. Most of the Powell limestone effervesces (fizzes) readily with cold dilute hydrochloric acid, a reaction which cannot ordinarily be obtained with rocks from the underlying Cotter dolomite. The Powell formation is a few feet to 200 feet thick. It is exposed in northwestern Carroll County, eastern Benton County, and northern Madison County.

Everton formation. The Everton formation consists of three divisions or members, which differ considerably in character and distribution. The thickness of the formation is variable but probably does not exceed 100 feet in Benton, Carroll, or Madison counties. The Kings River sandstone member is best represented in this area. This stone is white, friable, finely laminated sandstone, composed of well-rounded, medium-sized quartz grains. At its base there are pebbles of chert and limestone, which were derived from underlying rocks. The greatest thickness of the Kings River member is about 40 feet. There are magnesian limestone beds both above and below the sandstone member. Locally, the limestone beds below the sandstone are missing, and at Little Clifty Creek only the Kings River sandstone is present. The Everton formation crops out in western Carroll, eastern Benton, and northwestern Madison counties.

St. Peter sandstone. The St. Peter sandstone consists of sub-angular, medium-



LEGEND

- PENNSYLVANIAN**
- Ca Atoka formation
- Cbn Bloyd shale
Hale formation
- MISSISSIPPIAN**
- Cpb Pitkin limestone
Fayetteville shale
Batesville sandstone
- Cbn Boone formation
- DEVONIAN**
- Dc Chattanooga shale
Sylamore sandstone
- Os St Peter sandstone
Everton limestone
- Opc Powell limestone
Cotter dolomite
- Fault
- 21 State Highway
- 71 U.S. Highway
- Contour

GEOLOGIC MAP
OF
BENTON, CARROLL, WASHINGTON,
AND MADISON COUNTIES

FROM PUBLISHED MAPS OF U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |

STANDARD TOWNSHIP

| PERIOD | FORMATION | COLUMNAR SECTION | THICKNESS IN FEET | CHARACTER OF ROCKS |
|---------------|--|------------------|-------------------|--|
| PENNSYLVANIAN | Atoka | | 500± | Massive, coarse-grained sandstone at base. Black shales and micaceous sandstones inter-bedded with massive sandstones. Madison and Washington Counties. |
| | Unconformity | | | |
| | Bloyd Kessler limestone member Baldwin coal member Brentwood limestone member | | 0-270 | Dark brown to black clay shale. Brown to brownish-red limestone, locally conglomeratic. Gray, fossiliferous limestone and shale. Madison and Washington Counties. |
| | Hale | | 0-275 | Carbonaceous shale and flaggy sandstone, brown calcareous sandstone and sandy ferruginous limestone. Carroll, Madison, and Washington Counties. |
| MISSISSIPPIAN | Unconformity | | | |
| | Pitkin | | 40 | Massive, gray, fossiliferous limestone. Madison and Washington Counties. |
| | Unconformity | | | |
| | Fayetteville Wedington sandstone member "Mayes" limestone member | | 200-250 (0-40) | Black and gray, carbonaceous, fissile clay shales. Medium to fine-grained, gray to brown, cross-bedded sandstone, in part calcareous. Carroll, Benton, Madison, and Washington Counties. |
| | Batesville Hindsville limestone member Unconformity | | 0-60 | Gray to brown, even-bedded sandstone, somewhat calcareous in places. Carroll, Benton, Madison, and Washington Counties. Chert conglomerate, with gray oolitic limestone. |
| | Boone St. Joe limestone member Unconformity | | 325 (20-50) | Gray, crystalline, fossiliferous limestone, gray to red, fossiliferous chert, several oolitic horizons. Carroll, Benton, Madison, and Washington Counties. Non-cherty "marble". |
| DEVONIAN | Chattanooga | | 10-75 | Black, carbonaceous, fissile clay shale. Carroll, Benton, Madison, and Washington Counties. |
| | Sylamore Unconformity Clifty Unconformity | | 2-5 2-4 | Light brown to white, phosphatic sandstone in part conglomeratic. Carroll, Benton, Madison, and Washington Counties. Gray, compact, sandy limestone. Benton County. |
| | St. Peter | | 0-175 | White, quartzitic, friable, cross-bedded, granular, massive sandstone. Carroll and Madison Counties. |
| ORDOVICIAN | Unconformity | | | |
| | Everton Kings River sandstone member Unconformity | | 0-100± (0-40) | Gray, compact limestone. Carroll, Benton, and Madison Counties. Heavy-bedded, white, friable sandstone. |
| | Powell | | 0-200 | Gray, magnesian limestone, and local limestone conglomerate at base. Carroll, Benton, and Madison Counties. |
| | Unconformity | | | |
| | Cotter | | 500± | Gray dolomite, chert, friable sandstone, and green shales. Benton, Carroll, and Madison Counties. |

sized, translucent quartz grains, which are commonly poorly cemented. The rock is massive, friable, and porous, particularly where it is weathered. The formation ranges in thickness from a feather edge to over 175 feet, becoming thicker toward the southeast. The sandstone is exposed in Madison and Carroll counties along Kings River and Osage Creek.

Devonian

Clifty limestone. The Clifty limestone is known to crop out only along the east fork of Little Clifty Creek, in the southeastern part of Benton County, where the formation is from 2 to 4 feet thick. The lower part of the limestone is gray, compact, and cross-bedded, and contains a large amount of quartz sand. The upper part is light-blue, dense, and breaks with a conchoidal (glasslike) fracture. It also is sandy, but less so than the lower part.

Upper Devonian (?)

Sylamore sandstone. The Sylamore sandstone is generally 2 to 5 feet thick, but its thickness varies greatly within short distances. It is typically very porous, and is so friable that a fragment of it falls into loose sand when struck with a hammer. The color is dominantly light, though dark spots are present.

Chattanooga shale. This shale is black, dense, and clayey and contains bright yellow pyrite locally. The shale breaks into thin plates and slabs when struck with a hammer. Freshly broken fragments give off the odor of petroleum, and with intense heat an oily substance can be distilled from the shale. The thickness varies from a few inches to 70 feet, and averages about 25 to 30 feet. The upper limit of the outcrops of the Chattanooga formation is marked by numerous small springs, which are formed by underground water seeping out along the top of the impervious shale.

The Chattanooga shale and the Sylamore sandstone crop out in Washington, Benton, Carroll, and Madison counties. The total area of outcrop is small, and is limited to narrow bands along the rivers.

Mississippian

Boone formation. This formation is composed of limestone, chert, and cherty limestone. The lower part of the formation is chert-free, and is known as the St. Joe member of the Boone formation. The limestone of the St. Joe member is usually gray and coarse-grained, and takes a fine polish. The thickness ranges from 20 to over 50 feet, and averages 30 feet. Building blocks of convenient size can be removed because of even beds and joints. Chert and cherty limestone beds form the upper 325 feet of the Boone formation. The chert is commonly light-gray when fresh, and becomes stained by yellowish-brown iron oxide after exposure. Tripoli is often found associated with the cherty beds. The limestones are light-gray, coarsely-crystalline, and generally fossiliferous. The Boone formation is the surface rock in approximately one-third of the entire area, and almost all of Benton County.

Batesville formation. The Batesville formation is composed mostly of sandstone, but limestone with a prominent basal chert conglomerate (the Hindsville limestone member) is present at the base. The sandstone is coarse-grained, brown, and well-cemented. The total thickness varies from a few feet to 60 feet, and the individual beds vary from a few inches to 10 feet. The thin beds furnish excellent slabs for stonework. The Batesville formation covers about 30 square miles in eastern Carroll County, and is present in narrow bands along the large rivers in western Carroll County. In northern Madison and Washington counties and in Benton County, the Batesville formation is found in small isolated patches. The Hindsville limestone member is not present everywhere the sandstone occurs.

Fayetteville formation. This formation is generally gray or black, fissile (thin-

ly bedded), carbonaceous shale, with a prominent sandstone (Wedington member) near the top of the formation, and a fossiliferous limestone ("Mayes" member) near the base. The formation averages 200 to 250 feet in thickness, and the Wedington sandstone member averages about 40 feet of that total. Thin and flaggy layers of the sandstone furnish good blocks for stonework. The most extensive outcrops of the Fayetteville formation are in central Washington and Madison counties and southwestern Carroll County. Isolated patches and narrow bands occur in northern Washington and Madison counties and in southern Benton County.

Pitkin limestone. This limestone is thickly bedded, bluish-gray, and compact. Locally some of the limestone beds are distinctly cross-bedded. The limestone contains many fossils of the genus Archimedes (screw-like fossils) and was once known as the "Archimedes limestone." The formation is ordinarily about 50 feet thick. Outcrops of the Pitkin limestone commonly form steep cliffs through central Washington and Madison counties.

Pennsylvanian

Hale formation. The Hale formation was named for outcrops on Hale Mountain in the southwestern part of Washington County. The base of the formation is a limestone conglomerate made of fragments and worn fossils from the underlying Pitkin limestone. Sandstone, shale, and limestone layers comprise the remainder of the formation. The sandstones are generally hard, gray, and ripple-marked. Some soft, calcareous, cross-bedded layers are present. The formation has an average thickness of about 130 feet. The Hale formation is present in central Washington and Madison counties and in southwestern Carroll County.

Bloyd formation. This formation was named for Bloyd Mountain, Washington County. The formation is composed mostly of thin, black, fissile, carbonaceous, clay shale. Sandstone occurs locally in the lower beds. Besides the shale and sandstone are the Brentwood and Kessler limestone members and the Baldwin coal member. The coal occurs between the two limestone members, and is from 2 to 22 inches thick. The Brentwood limestone lies near the base of the Bloyd formation. It consists of 9 to 40 feet of gray, fine-grained, impure limestone. The limestone contains many fossil Pentremites ("fossil acorns") for which it was once called the "Pentremital limestone." The Kessler limestone is a compact, gray to brown, fossiliferous, locally conglomeratic, limestone from 10 to 30 feet thick. It occurs within 60 feet of the top of the Bloyd formation. Total thickness of the formation varies from a feather edge to 270 feet. It is thickest in Washington County. Madison and Washington counties include extensive outcrops of the Bloyd formation. The coal is not present in all of the outcrops.

Atoka formation. (Winslow formation). The base of the Atoka formation (also called the Millstone grit formation) consists of a massive, coarse-grained, commonly cross-bedded sandstone as much as 100 feet thick. Above the basal sandstone, particularly in the southwestern part of the area, black shale and thinly bedded micaceous sandstone are interbedded with massive sandstone. The top of the Atoka formation has been eroded, and at no place in the area is the full thickness present.

Pleistocene and Recent

The chert and limestone gravels and the alluvial rocks formed by the streams are the only Pleistocene deposits in the area. The thickness of these deposits is usually only a few feet.

STRUCTURE

General Statement

The rocks of the Ozark Plateau were deposited in an essentially horizontal position, and they have undergone no great deformation (folding or faulting) since their deposition. The Arkansas Ozarks are the southern and southwestern part of the dome formed by the uplift of the St. Francis Mountains in southeastern Missouri. Consequently, the prevailing dip of the rock strata in northern Arkansas is toward the south or southwest. The inclination of the beds is slight, commonly between one and two degrees, particularly near the northern border of the state. Minor folds are common. Vertical displacements of 50 to 300 feet have occurred along faults or breaks. (See geologic map, pl. I.) The folds, faults, and related structures commonly have an important bearing on the distribution of metallic minerals, such as lead, zinc, and pyrite.

M I N E R A L R E S O U R C E S

SUMMARY OF THE ECONOMIC MINERALS

A small amount of iron ore was mined in Carroll County between 1850 and 1860. The ore was smelted at the Beach Iron Works in central Carroll County to supply local requirements for iron ware. The iron deposits are of no economic value today.

Lead and zinc have been known to occur in Washington and Benton counties for many years. The proximity to the highly productive Tri-State district has led to the assumption that deposits of considerable magnitude might be found in these counties. Prospecting and testing have not justified the assumption, and no lead or zinc deposits of commercial value are known.

The only important mineral production from Washington, Benton, Carroll, and Madison counties has been of non-metallic substances. The production of non-metallics from this area will probably become more important in the future than it has been in the past.

Limestone, dolomite, and tripoli have contributed most to the mineral values produced up to the present time. (See table 1.) Good deposits of silica sand are available for development, but none has been produced from these counties to date.

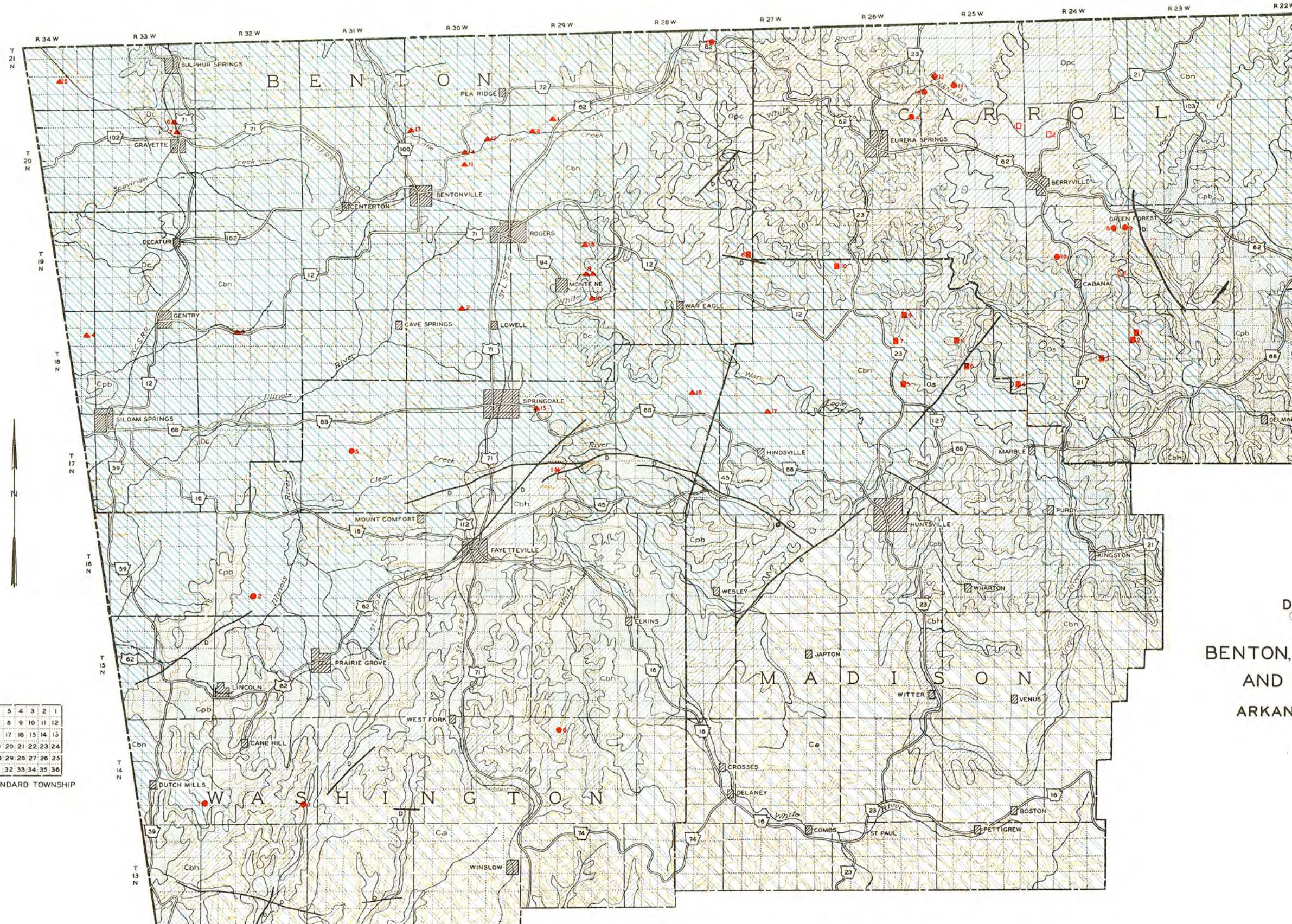
Gravel has been a source of revenue, but it is probably of only local importance, inasmuch as it is used mainly on county, state, and federal roads, none being exported from the counties. Building stone is also of value locally. No records of production for sale are available for building stone.

There are several deposits of pyrite in Carroll County. The most promising of these has been examined and drilled. This deposit appears to be of questionable commercial value at present prices.

The fuel minerals, coal and gas are of minor local importance.

Table 1. Production statistics for Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties^{1/}

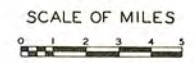
| Year | Gravel | | Stone ^{2/} | | Tripoli | | Coal | | Total value |
|------|---------|-------|---------------------|----------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-------------|
| | Cu.yds. | Value | Sh.tons | Value | Sh.tons | Value | Sh.tons | Value | |
| 1923 | - | \$ - | 4,334 | \$ 7,324 | -- | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ 7,324 |
| 1924 | - | - | 6,330 | 9,558 | - | - | - | - | 9,558 |
| 1925 | - | - | 9,502 | 12,770 | - | - | - | - | 12,770 |
| 1926 | - | - | 7,237 | 11,941 | - | - | - | - | 11,941 |
| 1927 | - | - | 6,052 | 9,199 | - | - | - | - | 9,199 |



LEGEND

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|---------------|----------------------|
| PENNSYLVANIAN | |
| | Atoka formation |
| | Bloyd shale |
| | Hale formation |
| MISSISSIPPIAN | |
| | Pittkin limestone |
| | Fayetteville shale |
| | Baresville sandstone |
| MISSISSIPPIAN | |
| | Boone formation |
| DEVONIAN | |
| | Chattanooga shale |
| | Sylvania sandstone |
| ORDOVICIAN | |
| | St. Peter sandstone |
| | Everton limestone |
| | Powell limestone |
| | Cotter dolomite |
| | Fault |
| | State Highway |
| | U.S. Highway |
| | Contour |
| NON-METALLICS | |
| | Tripoli |
| | Glass sand |
| | Quartz |
| | Clay |
| | Pyrite |
| METALLICS | |
| | Lead and zinc |

DEPOSITS OF MINERALS
(EXCEPT FUELS, GRAVEL, AND STONE)
IN
BENTON, CARROLL, WASHINGTON,
AND MADISON COUNTIES
ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |

STANDARD TOWNSHIP

Table 1. Production statistics for Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties
(cont.)

| Year | Gravel | | Stone ^{2/} | | Tripoli | | Coal | | Total value |
|------|---------|----------|----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|
| | Cu.yds. | Value | Sh.tons | Value | Sh.tons | Value | Sh.tons | Value | |
| 1928 | - | \$ - | 7,720 | \$11,117 | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ 11,117 |
| 1929 | - | - | 7,312 | 10,383 | 300 | 2,928 | - | - | 13,311 |
| 1930 | 18,581 | 15,329 | 5,459 | 7,097 | 5,455 | 104,791 | - | - | 127,217 |
| 1931 | 15,580 | 17,950 | 4,910 | 7,316 | 1,429 | 27,451 | - | - | 52,717 |
| 1932 | - | - | 4,603 | 6,214 | 1,135 | 24,085 | - | - | 30,299 |
| 1933 | 66,449 | 46,847 | 3,448 | 4,310 | 809 | 14,505 | 1,074 | 2,857 | 68,519 |
| 1934 | - | - | 4,032 | 4,153 | 1,972 | 21,810 | 248 | 522 | 26,485 |
| 1935 | - | - | 5,173 | 5,328 | 2,079 | 22,994 | 112 | 235 | 28,557 |
| 1936 | - | - | 6,961 | 7,170 | 3,230 | 50,149 | - | - | 57,319 |
| 1937 | - | - | 21,595 | 27,041 | 4,186 | 60,697 | - | - | 87,738 |
| 1938 | - | - | 33,584 ^{3/} | 40,704 | 2,750 | 35,365 | - | - | 76,069 |
| 1939 | - | - | 33,066 | 42,216 | 955 | 14,411 | - | - | 56,627 |
| | 100,610 | \$80,126 | 171,318 | \$223,841 | 24,300 | \$379,186 | 1,434 | \$3,614 | \$686,767 |

1/ Based from state severance tax reports.

2/ Several thousand tons of stone have been produced from Carroll County on which there are no figures available.

3/ Includes additional tonnage for the years 1934-1937 by audit adjustment.

METALLIC MINERALS

Iron

Composition and properties. Iron is found in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties chiefly as pyrite (iron sulphide), as limonite (yellow or brown hydrous iron oxides), and hematite (red iron oxide). Pyrite is used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid and is discussed on page 16. Limonite and hematite are ores of iron.

Occurrence. Deposits of hematite and limonite in the vicinity of Berryville in Carroll County, as well as in many places in Benton, Madison, and Washington counties, have been known for many years. These deposits were described by Penrose^{1/} as follows:

"The iron ores of Carroll County occur as pockets in chert ***. The pockets are extremely small, however, and the ore deposits often consist simply of parts of the chert bed cut by a network of thin seams and bunches of ore ***. The iron ores of Washington and Madison counties occur simply as thin seams, at most a few inches thick, cutting the sandstone in various directions."

The deposits are too small and too low grade to be of commercial value as a source of iron ore.

Production. The Beach Iron Works in central Carroll County, using local ore, was operated on a small scale for a short period between 1850 and 1860 to supply local requirements for iron ware.

^{1/} Penrose, R. A. F., Jr., The iron deposits of Arkansas: Arkansas Geol. Survey Ann. Rept. for 1892, vol. I, pp. 39-43, 1892.

Lead and Zinc

Composition and properties. Lead is found in Washington and Benton counties, chiefly in the form of galena (lead sulphide), which contains 86.4 per cent lead. Cerussite (lead carbonate) is present locally as a thin powdery coating on the galena, or as white crystals associated with the galena. Cerussite contains 77.5 per cent lead.

Sphalerite (zinc sulphide) and smithsonite (zinc carbonate) are the only zinc minerals that have been found in appreciable amounts in these counties. Sphalerite contains 67 per cent zinc and smithsonite contains 52 per cent zinc.

Uses. Lead is a constituent of certain paints. It is also used in storage batteries, lead pipe, sheet lead, and shot, and has a wide variety of other uses.

Zinc is used principally in galvanizing, brass manufacture, rolled zinc (employed for many purposes), and die casting.

Prices. The average value of galena concentrates produced in southwestern Missouri was \$40.00 (average lead content of 73.7 per cent) in 1935; \$50.53 (average lead content of 77 per cent) in 1936; \$66.00 (average lead content of 79 per cent) in 1937; and \$50.79 (average lead content of 77 per cent) in 1938. In 1939 the price paid for lead concentrates at Joplin, Missouri, ranged from an average of \$52.95 for the week ending on February 25, to an average of \$65.51 for the week ending September 16.

The average value of sphalerite concentrates produced in southwestern Missouri was \$28.57 (average zinc content of 59.4 per cent) in 1935; \$32.20 (average zinc content of 61.1 per cent) in 1936; \$43.30 (average zinc content of 60.7 per cent) in 1937; and \$30.26 (average zinc content of 58.5 per cent) in 1938. In 1939 the price paid for sphalerite concentrates at Joplin, Missouri, ranged from an average of \$28.96 for the week ending February 25, to an average of \$42.03 for the week ending September 30.

Occurrence. Lead and zinc minerals have long been known to occur in the Boone formation in Washington, Benton, and Carroll counties. The most important of the known deposits of lead and zinc in these counties are described below. The number of each deposit corresponds to a location number on plate III.

Number 1. The Morrow Prospect (lead-zinc deposit no. 1 on pl. III) is on the bank of Fly Creek about 800 feet below the town of Morrow in Washington County. It is in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 25, T. 14 N., R. 33 W. The ore is in interbedded chert and limestone of the Boone formation. An opening, about 200 feet long, 40 to 50 feet wide, and about 30 feet deep, the bottom of which is below the level of the creek, is partly filled with water. Approximately 100 feet north of the open pit there is a 50-foot shaft. The ore minerals are galena and sphalerite in about equal proportions. They occur in scattered pockets and small cracks in the chert and, to a lesser extent, in the limestone. The ore in the shaft seems to have been of lower grade than that in the open pit. In referring to the Morrow Prospect, McKnight^{2/} says:

"The first work on this prospect is said to have been done somewhere around 1880, or perhaps as much as 5 years later than that, but serious development began in 1908. The property was worked to some extent during the period of high prices in the early years of the World War. In spite of the fact that a mill was erected to handle the ore, the output has been small, estimated at about 50 tons, half galena and half jack."

^{2/} McKnight, E. T., Zinc and lead deposits of northern Arkansas; U. S. Geol. Survey Bull. 853, pp. 154-155, 1935.

Number 2. The Burr Prospect (lead-zinc deposit no. 2 on pl. III) is on the R. F. Ezell property about one mile northeast of Rhea's Mill in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 28, T. 16 N., R. 32 W., Washington County. The Arkansas Mining and Milling Company sank 5 test shafts, reported to be 70 feet to 115 feet deep, in an area of about 500 feet in diameter. There are no outcrops in the immediate vicinity of the shafts, but the material on the dumps indicate that the ore occurs as galena crystals in Boone chert. Some ore is reported to have come from the clay overlying the chert. In describing the Burr Prospect, McKnight^{3/} says:

"The total production amounted to only 5 or 6 tons, made somewhere around 1905. The prospect is of low grade."

Number 3. The Roller Prospect is on the A. W. Roller property in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 13, T. 21 N., R. 28 W., Benton County. There is a vertical shaft 50 feet or more deep sunk in limestone and chert of the Boone formation. Sphalerite and a little galena is reported to occupy a vertical crevice. A small amount of sphalerite is present in the wallrock away from the crevice.

Number 4. Galena occurs on the W. D. Weaver farm in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 1, T. 20 N., R. 26 W., Carroll County. The galena was found in an excavation made in opening a spring in the Boone formation. Cracks in the limestone are lined with galena crystals, and some cubes of galena are present in the spring and in a stream as much as 100 feet away.

Other localities from which galena is reported are given in the following table and are shown on plate III.

Table 2. Occurrences of galena

| Reference no. plate III | Quarter | Sec. | Twp. | Rge. | Remarks |
|-------------------------|---------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| 5 | NE | 16 | 17N | 31W | Prospect hole |
| 6 | NW SE | 5 | 14N | 29W | Lead in gray limestone |
| 7 | SW SW | 25 | 14N | 32W | - |
| 8 | NW NW | 12 | 19N | 24W | - |
| 9 | NE | 12 | 19N | 24W | - |
| 10 | SE SE | 17 | 19N | 24W | Galena cubes on chert |
| 11 | SE SE | 29 | 21N | 25W | Prospect hole |
| 12 | NE | 30 | 21N | 25W | - |
| 13 | NW | 31 | 21N | 25W | - |

Economic importance. The known deposits are too low grade and too small to be profitably worked at present prices.

Production. It is estimated that approximately 55 tons of lead and zinc concentrates have been produced up to the present time. The Morrow workings are responsible for 50 tons of this total.

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND ROCKS

Clay

Composition and properties. Clay is a term applied to earthy materials that become plastic or semi-plastic when wet with water. Clays are given many classifica-

^{3/} Op.cit., p. 154.

tions according to their utility.

Uses. Clay is used principally in the manufacture of brick, tile, terra cotta, pottery, stoneware, and refractories. There are, however, many other important uses.

Prices. The prices paid for raw clay vary greatly, depending on quality and utility. In general, only the high-grade clays used in the manufacture of fine pottery, the paper industry, etc., can be economically transported. Most clay product plants are located at or close to the deposit from which the raw clay is mined. Table 3 gives the average selling price of kaolin (highest grade clay) and of stoneware.

Table 3. Average values per short ton of various kinds of clays sold in the United States^{1/}

| Year | Kaolin | Fire clay and stoneware clay |
|-----------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1930-1934 (av.) | \$6.44 | \$2.59 |
| 1935 | 7.19 | 2.64 |
| 1936 | 7.10 | 2.48 |
| 1937 | 7.31 | 2.58 |
| 1938 | 7.97 | 2.78 |

^{1/} Tyler, Paul M., and Metcalf, R. W., Clays: Minerals Yearbook, Review of 1938, p. 1219, 1939.

Occurrence. Residual clays are common throughout the limestone area of Washington, Madison, Benton, and Carroll counties. Residual clays formed by the rotting of shale, especially the Fayetteville and Bloyd shales are not uncommon. However, no large deposits of these clays are known.

A sedimentary clay bed averaging about 4 feet in thickness, and covering an estimated area of about 100 acres, crops out in the Alex Allen farm approximately 5 miles southeast of Springdale in sec. 21, T. 17 N., R. 29 W. (See clay deposit no. 1, pl. III.) The clay bed is believed to be of uniform thickness, and is overlain by 12 to 14 inches of coal. (See section on coal, p. 44.) The coal is overlain by 20 feet of sandstone and shale. It is estimated that there are approximately 6,000 cubic yards or 8,500 short tons of recoverable clay per acre in this deposit.

The unfired and fired properties of a sample of this clay are summarized in tables 4 and 5. The physical and fired properties of the sample indicate the clay probably could be used for the manufacture of face brick. This clay also appears to be suitable for the manufacture of low-grade stoneware and low-fired flower pots.

Production. According to Simonds^{4/}, bricks have been made at two places in Washington County. The production was small. No production of clay or clay products has been reported in recent years.

^{4/} Simonds, F. W., The geology of Washington County: Arkansas Geol. Survey Ann. Rept. for 1888, vol. IV, p. 121, 1891.

Table 4. Summary of unfired properties of clay

Color: dark-gray to black, iron-stained Modulus of rupture: 71 lbs. per sq. in. Texture: shaly, some sand
 Workability: works well Drying behavior: regular drying, no cracks Water of plasticity: 20.8 per cent
 Drying shrinkage: (linear, 2.85 per cent no cracks Time of slaking: 7 minutes

| Retained on screen | | Screen analysis | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| | | Percentage | Character of residue |
| No. 30 | | 6.70 | Abundance of clay nodules. |
| No. 60 | | 23.90 | Clay nodules. |
| No. 100 | | 9.00 | Clay nodules; small amount of milky quartz fragments. |
| No. 150 | | 5.17 | Clay nodules and pyrite particles; trace of quartz fragments. |
| No. 200 | | 3.63 | Quartz grains; trace of clay nodules. |
| No. 250 | | 0.86 | Quartz grains; trace of clay nodules. |

Table 5. Summary of fired properties of clay

| Cone | Temperature degree Fahrenheit | Percentage porosity | Percentage absorption | Apparent specific gravity | Bulk specific gravity | Percentage volume shrinkage | Percentage linear shrinkage | Modulus of rupture lbs./sq. in. | Color |
|------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 03 | 1,976 | 25.8 | 13.9 | 2.49 | 1.85 | 3.6 | 1.20 | 1,117 | Tan-pink. |
| 01 | 2,030 | 22.2 | 11.3 | 2.52 | 1.96 | 7.9 | 2.71 | 1,642 | Creamy tan. |
| 2 | 2,075 | 21.9 | 11.3 | 2.49 | 1.94 | 8.0 | 2.74 | 1,331 | Buff. |
| 4 | 2,129 | 18.2 | 8.8 | 2.47 | 2.04 | 11.5 | 3.99 | 2,897 | Buff, iron spots. |
| 6 | 2,174 | 8.2 | 4.0 | 2.26 | 2.08 | 14.2 | 4.98 | 3,626 | Buff. |
| 8 | 2,237 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 2.06 | 2.06 | 13.2 | 4.61 | 2,870 | Brown-black, over fired |

Steel hardness at cone 01.
 Overburning temperature, cone 8.
 Best apparent burning range, cone 01 to 6.

Glass Sand

Composition and properties. The chemical requirements of a good glass sand are high silica content (99 per cent or more), and a minimum of harmful impurities, particularly iron, magnesia, and clay. The most important physical property of a desirable glass sand is grain size, which should be fairly uniform. An ideal range in size is between 30 mesh and 120 mesh, but many sands that exceed these limits are highly successful. The shape of the individual grains appears to be of small importance. For a comprehensive study of the sands of this area, the reader is referred to a report by Giles and Bonewits⁵ on the St. Peter and older Ordovician sandstones of northern Arkansas.

Uses. In the manufacture of glass, sand is the principal raw material. The highest grades of glass require the greatest chemical purity in the raw sand used. Bottle glass, window glass, etc., are less exacting in their chemical requirements. The St. Peter and Kings River sandstones are, in most occurrences, suitable for ordinary glass manufacture, and treatment (washing and screening) will bring many within the limits required by the manufactures of quality glass products. Screening or grading of some sort is probably necessary to bring the sand to within limits of grain size required by manufactures, though locally a sandstone may be suitable for specific markets without grading to size and blending of products.

Other uses to which the St. Peter and Kings River sandstones are adaptable are building and paving sand, molding sand, engine (friction) sand, grinding and polishing sand, and filter sand.

Prices. Table 6, taken from data in Minerals Yearbook, Review of 1938, p. 1164, gives production and average prices of the most important commercial uses of sand.

Table 6. Sand sold or used by producers in the United States

| King of sand | 1937 | | | 1938 | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Short tons | Value | | Short tons | Value | |
| | | Total | Av. per sh. ton | | Total | Av. per sh. ton |
| Glass | 2,799,230 | \$4,746,629 | \$1.70 | 2,109,462 | \$3,601,734 | \$1.71 |
| Molding | 4,953,873 | 5,239,435 | 1.06 | 2,319,902 | 2,651,779 | 1.14 |
| Building | 26,050,459 | 14,809,078 | 0.57 | 22,939,683 | 12,888,823 | 0.56 |
| Paving | 17,395,013 | 9,487,817 | 0.55 | 16,755,634 | 9,388,865 | 0.56 |
| Grinding and polishing | 1,067,178 | 1,440,736 | 1.35 | 502,328 | 745,805 | 1.50 |
| Fire or furnace | 258,287 | 268,355 | 1.04 | 108,093 | 124,343 | 1.15 |
| Engine | 1,802,869 | 1,092,171 | 0.61 | 1,378,450 | 786,639 | 0.57 |
| Filter | 99,383 | 182,414 | 1.84 | 93,711 | 137,283 | 1.46 |

Occurrence. The St. Peter sandstone crops out in Carroll and Madison counties, and the Kings River sandstone crops out in Benton, Carroll, and Madison counties. In this area, the St. Peter sandstone ranges in thickness from 10 feet to 100 feet. The Kings River sandstone varies in thickness from 2 to 40 feet. Several locations of sandstone of potential commercial value are indicated on plate III. Tables 7, 8, and 9 give some physical and chemical properties of several sandstones. The numbers of the samples on the tables correspond to the index number on plate III. The samples are probably fairly representative of the formation at each place. It should be remembered, however, that these analyses are intended to show the general character of the sand only.

⁵/ Giles, A. W., and Bonewits, E. E., St. Peter and older Ordovician sandstones of northern Arkansas: Arkansas Geol. Survey Bull. 4, 1930.

Table 7. Results of screen tests of sands 1/

| No. | Location | Horizon | Weight of sample grams | Percentage (by weight) left on screen of meshes specified | | | | | | | | Pan Total |
|-----|--|---|------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|-----------|
| | | | | On 28 | On 35 | On 48 | On 65 | On 100 | On 150 | On 200 | Pan | |
| 1 | 10 mi. SE of Berryville, Carroll County | Middle of St. Peter formation | 100 | 0.38 | 3.58 | 8.78 | 25.76 | 42.34 | 15.92 | 2.76 | 0.30 | 99.82 |
| 2 | Same as 1 | 5 ft. above base of St. Peter formation | 90 | 4.15 | 14.82 | 22.22 | 24.75 | 26.77 | 5.69 | 0.44 | 0.22 | 99.06 |
| 3 | At Metalton on Piney Creek, Carroll County | Near top of St. Peter formation | 100 | 3.02 | 23.80 | 12.59 | 13.92 | 34.58 | 8.30 | 1.47 | 0.63 | 98.31 |
| 4 | Tarkiln Hollow, near Wolfpen, Carroll County | 25 ft. below top of St. Peter formation | 50 | - | 15.04 | 19.44 | 22.20 | 28.24 | 11.88 | 1.64 | - | 98.44 |
| 5 | East of Forum, on Pine Creek, Madison County | 5 ft. below top of St. Peter formation | 50 | 4.92 | 27.64 | 39.00 | 17.10 | 9.30 | 1.70 | 0.30 | - | 99.96 |
| 6 | NE of Forum, Kings River, Madison County | 5 ft. above base of St. Peter formation | 150 | 5.36 | 15.86 | 39.69 | 21.86 | 12.46 | 3.20 | 0.68 | 0.81 | 99.92 |
| 7 | Rockhouse Hollow, Madison County | 5 ft. below top of St. Peter formation | 150 | 2.46 | 18.64 | 34.70 | 24.66 | 17.52 | 1.73 | 0.40 | 0.12 | 100.23 |
| 7A | Same as 7 | 5 ft. above base of St. Peter formation | 50 | - | 14.68 | 21.80 | 29.00 | 30.44 | 3.24 | 0.22 | - | 99.38 |
| 8 | Little Clifty Creek, east Benton County | Near top of Kings River formation | 50 | - | 9.00 | 26.60 | 30.80 | 29.40 | 3.24 | 0.60 | - | 99.64 |
| 8A | Same as 8 | Same as 8 | 50 | - | 11.50 | 27.44 | 28.20 | 25.20 | 5.14 | 0.84 | - | 98.32 |

1/ Giles, A. W., St. Peter and older Ordovician sandstones of northern Arkansas: Arkansas Geol. Survey Bull. 4, pp. 71 and 146, 1930.

Table 8. Chemical analyses of sands^{1/}

| No. | Location | Ignition loss | SiO ₂ | Fe ₂ O ₃ | Al ₂ O ₃ | CaO | MgO | Total | Color |
|------|---|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|-----|-------|-------|
| 1 | 10 mi SE of Berryville, Carroll County | 0.24 | 99.16 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.03 | - | 99.61 | Cream |
| 5 | East of Forum in Pine Creek, Madison County | 0.16 | 99.38 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.12 | - | 99.94 | White |
| 8&8A | Little Clifty Creek, East Benton County | 0.24 | 99.24 | 0.11 | 0.19 | - | - | 99.78 | White |

^{1/} Giles, A. W., St. Peter and Older Ordovician Sandstones of Northern Arkansas: Arkansas Geol. Survey Bull. 4, pp. 71 and 146, 1930.

Table 9. Chemical analyses of St. Peter sandstone

| No. | Location | | | | SiO ₂ | Fe ₂ O ₃ | Al ₂ O ₃ | CaCO ₃ | MgO | Alkali | Total |
|-----|----------|----|-----|-----|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| | Quarter | S. | T. | R. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | NE | 2 | 18N | 26W | 99.50 | 0.12 | - | 0.35 | - | - | 99.97 |
| 10 | NE | 19 | 19N | 26W | 99.64 | 0.04 | - | 0.34 | - | - | 100.02 |

Production. No high-grade sand from the St. Peter or Kings River sandstones has been produced from this area. The mining of sandstones at Everton in Boone County and at Guion in IZard County has been successful for several years.

Pyrite

Composition and properties. Pyrite (iron sulphide) is brass-yellow in color. It is harder than calcite and softer than quartz. When pyrite is roasted it oxidizes and sulphur dioxide and trioxide gases are evolved.

Uses. Pyrite is used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid. This acid is employed principally in the manufacture of phosphate fertilizers, explosives, and in refining crude oil.

Prices. Table 10 gives the value and production of pyrite in the United States for the years 1934 to 1938, inclusive.

Table 10. Pyrite (ores and concentrates) produced in the United States, 1934-1938^{1/}

| Year | Production | | Value | |
|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| | Gross weight (long tons) | Sulphur content (per cent) | Total | Average per long ton |
| 1934 | 432,524 | 38.8 | \$1,216,363 | \$2.81 |
| 1935 | 514,192 | 39.5 | 1,583,074 | 3.08 |
| 1936 | 547,236 | 39.6 | 1,666,194 | 3.04 |
| 1937 | 584,166 | 39.7 | 1,777,787 | 3.04 |
| 1938 | 555,629 | 39.4 | 1,685,766 | 3.03 |

^{1/} Ridgeway, R. H., and Mitchell, A. W., Sulphur and Pyrites: Minerals Yearbook, Review of 1938, p. 1250, 1939.

Occurrence. Pyrite deposits of apparent substantial size have been found in Carroll County on the Newman farm, about 3 miles north and one-half mile west of Berryville, in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 12, T. 20 N., R. 25 W., and on the J. W. Van Hook farm in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 8, T. 20 N., R. 24 W. The Van Hook pyrite exposure (pyrite deposit no. 2, pl. III) is 1 1/8 mile southeast from the Newman deposit. Pyrite was encountered in wells dug in sec. 7, T. 20 N., R. 24 W., between the Newman farm and the Van Hook farm.

The largest known pyrite deposit in the area is on the Newman farm. (Pyrite deposit no. 1, pl. III), where mixed limonite and pyrite is exposed along the bed of a creek for about 100 feet and limonite is exposed over a wider area on the hill slope south of the creek. The pyrite occurs in the Cotter dolomite. The dolomite in the mineralized area is highly fractured. The major fractures strike N. 80° E., but there are numerous minor fractures striking in various directions.

This deposit was drilled in 1937 and 1938 by the Manda Industrial Company. The following map (pl. IV), sections (pls. V and VI), summary of drill holes (table 11), and tonnage estimate (table 12) are taken from a report by S. J. Burris, Jr., on the results of the drilling. In estimating the tonnage, Burris says:

"For the purpose of estimating the tonnage of developed pyrite, the deposit has been split up into different zones and blocks. *** (See pls. V and VI) ***. While there is still some pyrite mineralization below zone 'C' it is too low in tenor to be of interest.

"The following tabulations (see table 12) sum up the total developed tonnage of pyrite corresponding to the different zones and blocks of ground as shown on the attached maps." (See pls. V and VI.)

Table 11. Summary of analyses of Berryville pyrite deposit

| Drill hole | Footage | Average analyses | | Drill hole | Footage | Average analyses | |
|------------|------------|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| | | Sulphur (S) | Iron (Fe) | | | Sulphur (S) | Iron (Fe) |
| 1 | 0 to 300 | Not analyzed | | 10 | 60 to 70 | 12.62 | 11.95 |
| | | | | cont. | 70 to 100 | 3.64 | 4.33 |
| 2 | 1 to 70 | 38.40 | 38.50 | 11 | 20 to 65 | 1.64 | 2.70 |
| | 70 to 115 | 15.13 | 14.51 | | 65 to 70 | 9.27 | 9.00 |
| | 115 to 150 | 24.27 | 23.20 | | 70 to 80 | 2.72 | 3.65 |
| | 150 to 190 | 13.10 | 12.94 | | | | |
| 3 | 15 to 25 | 4.67 | 6.50 | 12 | 0 to 55 | 4.42 | 5.75 |
| | 25 to 30 | 25.81 | 25.40 | | 55 to 75 | 14.00 | 14.60 |
| | 30 to 50 | 16.30 | 15.75 | | 75 to 100 | 5.64 | 7.48 |
| | | | | | 100 to 180 | 6.20 | - |
| 4 | 50 to 75 | 4.11 | 5.40 | 13 | 0 to 116 | Not analyzed | |
| 5 | 27 to 55 | 37.23 | 38.70 | 14 | 30 to 55 | 22.80 | - |
| | 55 to 66 | 32.93 | 31.40 | | 55 to 90 | 15.30 | - |
| | 66 to 81 | 20.13 | 19.87 | | 90 to 155 | 26.40 | - |
| | 81 to 101 | 10.46 | 11.00 | | 155 to 180 | 7.60 | - |
| | 101 to 121 | 16.00 | 16.50 | | | | |
| | 121 to 256 | 5.38 | 6.47 | 15 | 40 to 55 | 10.88 | - |
| 6 | 30 to 45 | 23.55 | 22.55 | | 55 to 90 | 27.43 | - |
| | 45 to 65 | 8.94 | 9.05 | | 90 to 95 | 12.31 | - |
| | | | | | 95 to 100 | 28.16 | - |
| | | | | | 100 to 180 | 11.00 | - |
| 7 | 35 to 50 | 30.00 | 32.93 | 16 | 0 to 120 | Not analyzed | |
| | 50 to 55 | 43.94 | 43.00 | | | | |
| | 55 to 70 | 25.46 | 26.33 | 17 | 40 to 60 | 11.53 | - |
| | 70 to 86 | 9.36 | 10.83 | | 70 to 75 | 22.16 | - |
| | 86 to 95 | 22.57 | 22.30 | | 75 to 90 | 7.19 | - |
| | 95 to 115 | 11.89 | 12.47 | | 90 to 95 | 21.82 | - |
| | 115 to 120 | 24.10 | 23.80 | | 95 to 115 | 6.91 | - |
| | 120 to 150 | 8.75 | 9.61 | | 145 to 150 | 7.81 | - |
| | 150 to 290 | 3.85 | 5.07 | 18 | 0 to 94 | Not analyzed | |
| 8 | 0 to 50 | 27.67 | 28.43 | | | | |
| | 50 to 75 | 24.24 | 23.45 | 19 | 18 to 85 | 33.06 | - |
| | 75 to 100 | 15.29 | 15.86 | | 85 to 140 | 12.57 | - |
| | 100 to 180 | 4.30 | 5.42 | | 140 to 145 | 20.10 | - |
| 9 | 45 to 50 | 8.54 | 8.30 | | 145 to 160 | 13.15 | - |
| | 50 to 70 | 2.62 | 3.72 | | 160 to 175 | 5.73 | - |
| | 70 to 95 | 6.69 | 6.79 | 20 | 25 to 35 | 23.55 | - |
| 10 | 0 to 25 | 2.25 | 3.16 | | 35 to 50 | 11.48 | - |
| | 25 to 50 | 17.51 | 16.46 | | | | |
| | 50 to 60 | 5.50 | 5.85 | | | | |

Table 11. Summary of analyses of Berryville pyrite deposit (cont.)

| Drill hole | Footage | Average analyses | | Drill hole | Footage | Average analyses | | |
|-------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| | | Sulphur (S) | Iron (Fe) | | | Sulphur (S) | Iron (Fe) | |
| 20 cont. | 115 to 120 | 5.17 | - | S-2 | 5 to 20 | 3.62 | 6.00 | |
| | 120 to 125 | 27.78 | - | | 20 to 55 | 27.15 | 26.82 | |
| | 125 to 130 | 9.42 | - | | 55 to 80 | 6.53 | 8.56 | |
| | 130 to 145 | 20.44 | - | | 80 to 190 | 31.43 | - | |
| | 145 to 155 | 5.85 | - | S-3 | 0 to 145 | Not analyzed | | |
| | 155 to 175 | 13.17 | - | | S-4 | 40 to 45 | 3.80 | - |
| | 175 to 185 | 16.75 | - | | | 45 to 100 | 13.90 | - |
| | 185 to 195 | 5.35 | - | | | 100 to 105 | 6.00 | - |
| S-1 | 0 to 45 | 2.78 | 3.79 | S-5 | 0 to 100 | Not analyzed | | |
| | 45 to 50 | 17.05 | 17.00 | | S-1 | 0 to 45 | 2.78 | 3.79 |
| | 50 to 55 | 3.05 | 4.30 | | | 45 to 50 | 17.05 | 17.00 |
| | 55 to 60 | 26.65 | 25.40 | | | 50 to 55 | 3.05 | 4.30 |
| | 60 to 95 | 3.98 | 5.07 | 55 to 60 | | 26.65 | 25.40 | |
| | 95 to 125 | 6.09 | 7.50 | 60 to 95 | 3.98 | 5.07 | S-1 | |
| | 125 to 200 | 18.41 | 18.80 | 95 to 125 | 6.09 | 7.50 | | |
| | 200 to 240 | 5.49 | 6.43 | 125 to 200 | 18.41 | 18.80 | | |
| | | | 200 to 240 | 5.49 | 6.43 | | | |

Table 12. Summary of developed tonnage of pyrite

| Zone | Block | Overburden cu.yds. | Crude ore | | | | Long tons pyrite 42% sulphur |
|-------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | Volume cu.ft. | Per cent sulphur | Cu.ft. per ton | Long tons | |
| "A"1/ | 1-A | 1,620 | 106,898 | 23.55 | 8.8 | 12,148 | 6,811 |
| | 2-A | 6,300 | 532,712 | 30.81 | 8.0 | 66,589 | 48,850 |
| | 3-A | 10,300 | 658,245 | 32.40 | 7.9 | 83,322 | 64,275 |
| | 4-A | 17,450 | 522,069 | 28.80 | 8.3 | 62,900 | 48,130 |
| | 5-A | 10,000 | 159,521 | 27.50 | 8.4 | 18,990 | 12,433 |
| | 6-A | 1,330 | 17,328 | 23.55 | 8.9 | 19,470 | 10,917 |
| | | 47,000 | | | | 263,419 | 191,416 |
| "B"2/ | 1-B | - | 66,726 | 8.94 | 10.7 | 6,230 | 1,326 |
| | 2-B | - | 380,359 | 13.34 | 10.0 | 38,036 | 12,080 |
| | 3-B | - | 429,730 | 13.75 | 9.9 | 43,407 | 14,211 |
| | 4-B | - | 312,403 | 10.00 | 10.5 | 29,753 | 7,084 |
| | 5-B | - | 127,617 | 6.53 | 11.1 | 11,497 | 1,787 |
| | 6-B | - | 14,640 | 11.48 | 10.2 | 1,435 | 392 |
| | | | | | | 130,358 | 36,880 |
| "C"3/ | 1-C | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2-C | - | 58,426 | 19.40 | 9.2 | 6,350 | 2,933 |
| | 3-C | - | 116,340 | 22.82 | 8.8 | 13,220 | 7,178 |
| | 4-C | - | 281,089 | 24.25 | 8.7 | 32,309 | 18,652 |
| | 5-C | - | 294,240 | 31.43 | 8.0 | 36,780 | 27,522 |
| | 6-C | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | 88,659 | 56,285 |

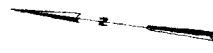
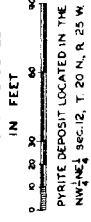
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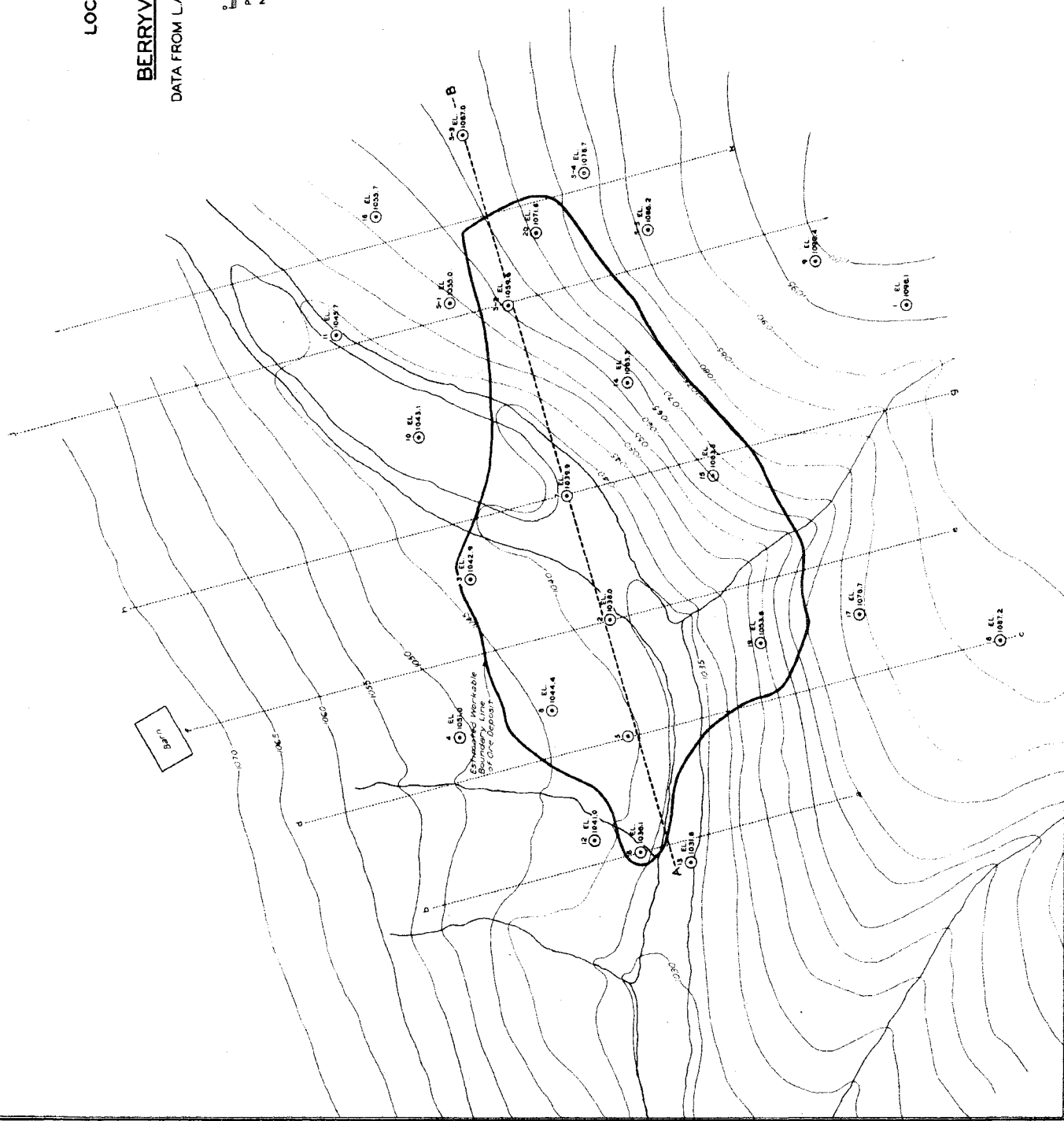
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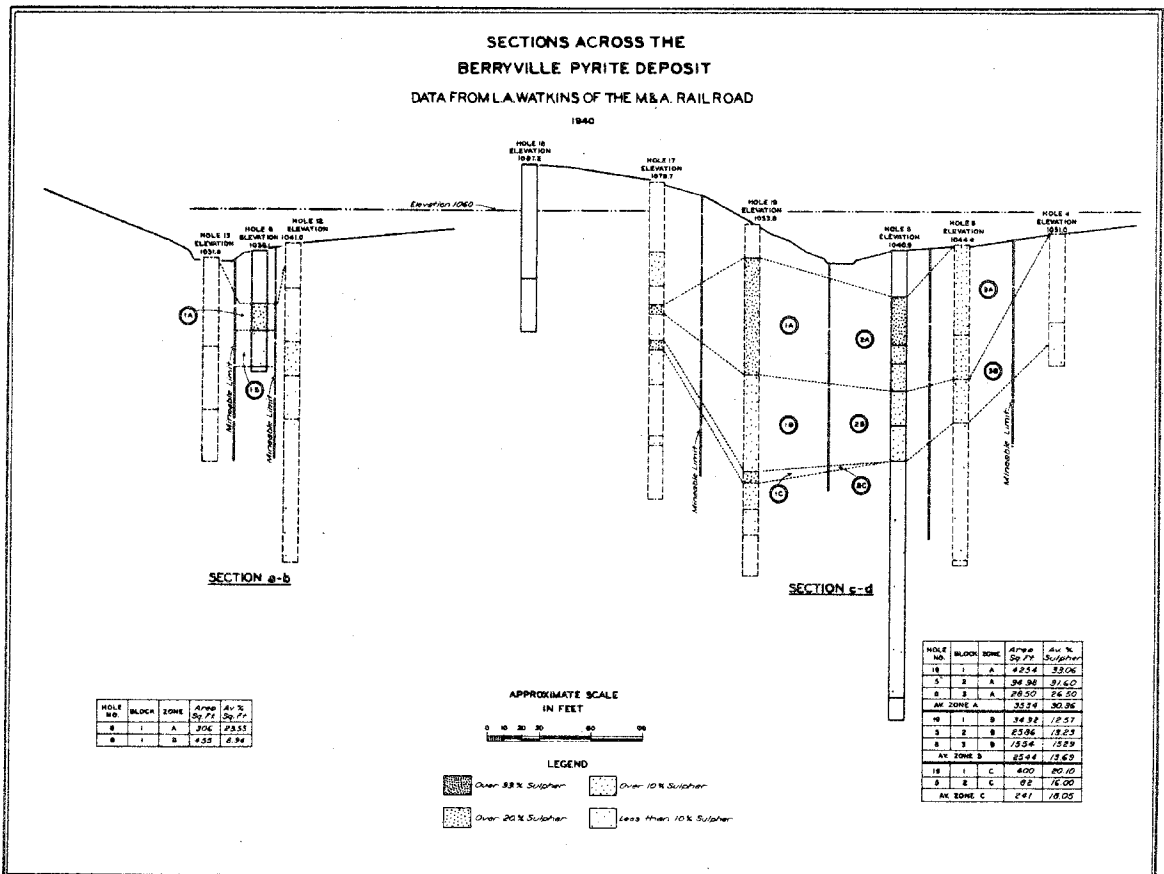
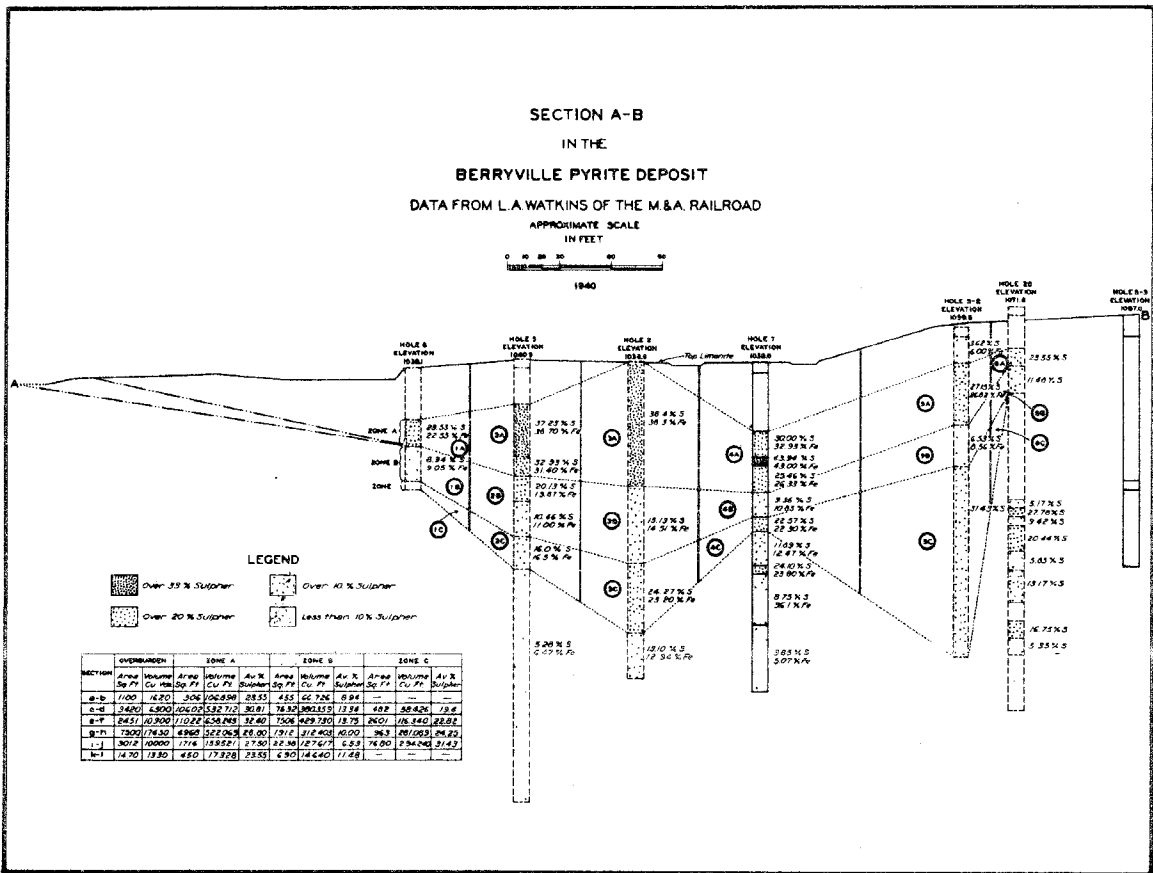
LOCATION AND OUTLINE
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BERRYVILLE PYRITE DEPOSIT
DATA FROM L.A. WATKINS OF THE M&A RAILROAD

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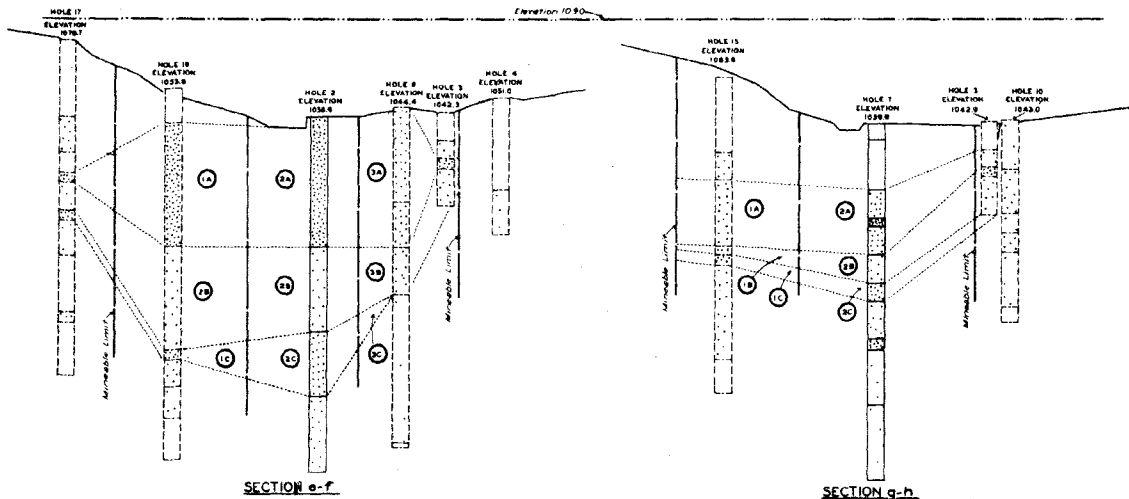
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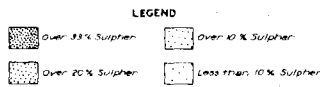
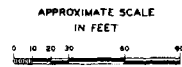


SECTIONS ACROSS THE
BERRYVILLE PYRITE DEPOSIT
DATA FROM L.A. WATKINS OF THE M. & A. RAILROAD

1940



| HOLE NO. | BLOCK | ZONE | Area Sq. Ft. | Avg. % Sulphur |
|------------|-------|------|--------------|----------------|
| 17 | 1 | A | 25.76 | 17.06 |
| 2 | 2 | A | 4.00 | 30.40 |
| 4 | 3 | A | 23.84 | 20.50 |
| AV. ZONE A | | | | |
| 18 | 1 | B | 54.30 | 12.57 |
| 2 | 2 | B | 27.48 | 14.51 |
| 4 | 3 | B | 12.00 | 13.29 |
| AV. ZONE B | | | | |
| 19 | 1 | C | 70.2 | 20.10 |
| 2 | 2 | C | 17.10 | 24.87 |
| 4 | 3 | C | 180 | 23.70 |
| AV. ZONE C | | | | |
| | | | 264 | 21.88 |

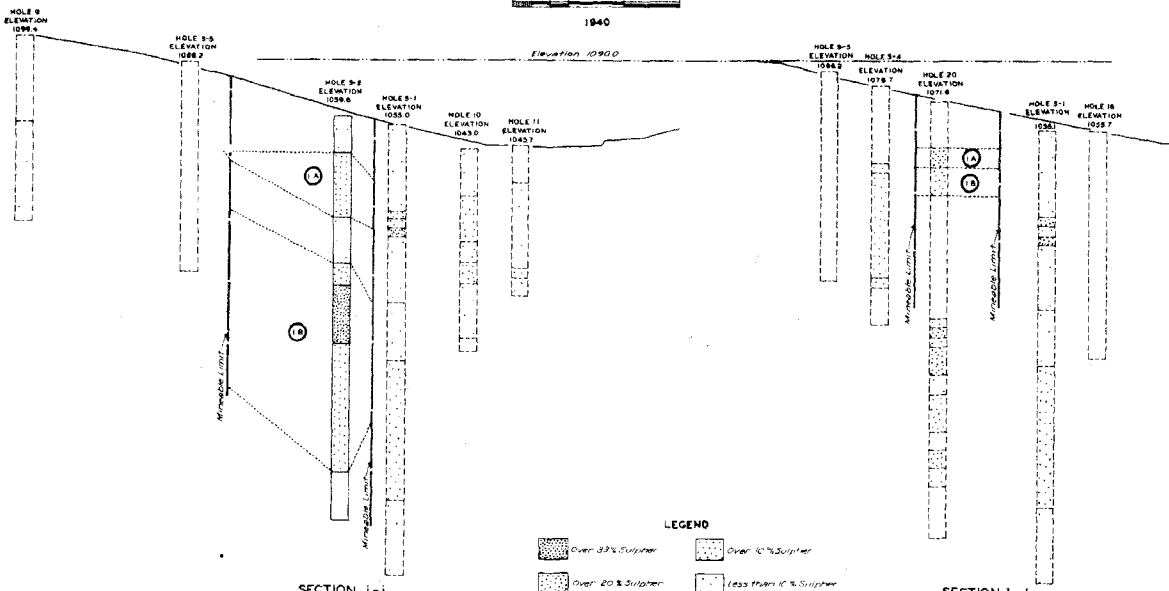


| HOLE NO. | BLOCK | ZONE | Area Sq. Ft. | Avg. % Sulphur |
|------------|-------|------|--------------|----------------|
| 13 | 1 | A | 23.34 | 27.43 |
| 7 | 2 | A | 13.74 | 30.00 |
| AV. ZONE A | | | | |
| 15 | 1 | B | 4.00 | 26.27 |
| 7 | 2 | B | 15.12 | 23.36 |
| AV. ZONE B | | | | |
| 18 | 1 | C | 2.31 | 28.16 |
| 7 | 2 | C | 6.70 | 22.87 |
| AV. ZONE C | | | | |
| | | | 4.01 | 25.96 |

SECTIONS ACROSS THE
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DATA FROM L.A. WATKINS OF THE M. & A. RAILROAD

APPROXIMATE SCALE
IN FEET

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| HOLE NO. | BLOCK | ZONE | Area Sq. Ft. | Avg. % Sulphur |
|----------|-------|------|--------------|----------------|
| 9 | 1 | A | 17.6 | 27.7 |
| 2 | 2 | B | 76.0 | 21.21 |

| HOLE NO. | BLOCK | ZONE | Area Sq. Ft. | Avg. % Sulphur |
|----------|-------|------|--------------|----------------|
| 16 | 1 | A | 430 | 23.83 |
| 20 | 1 | B | 630 | 17.49 |

Economic importance. There are at present no plants equipped to burn pyrite within economic shipping distance of the Berryville area. The factors bearing on the possible commercial development of pyrite in this area make a complex problem. It appears possible that, if a local use for sulphuric acid could be found, such as the manufacture of acid phosphate from north Arkansas phosphate rock, a small acid plant might be operated profitably. Cheap electric power in the north Arkansas area might also affect the value of the pyrite deposits.

Production. No production of pyrite has been reported in Arkansas. United States production for the years 1934 to 1938 is shown in table 10.

Quartz

An unusual deposit of quartz occurs on Crystal Mountain in Carroll County. This quartz is located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$, sec. 24, T. 19 N., R. 24 W., approximately 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Berryville on the property of R. L. Brawley. (See quartz deposit no. 1, pl. III.)

The deposit lies on the top of a high plateau, the flanks of which are steep and composed of large irregular broken blocks of chert. The quartz occurs as a crust on the chert boulders. The size of the individual crystals varies from pyramids of quartz less than one sixteenth of an inch, to some over two inches in diameter. The color of the quartz ranges from colorless to shades of yellow, pink, blue, and lavender.

Mr. Brawley, the owner, states that he has sold the crystal aggregates for ornamental purposes such as rock gardens, for building decorations, fire places, etc. The average price was \$12.50 per ton. Specimens of unusual beauty have been sold for as much as \$15.00 each.

Boulders which carry quartz encrustations cover an area of approximately 3 acres, and are found in the clays to a depth of 30 feet. It was stated by Mr. Brawley that no ledge rock was encountered at that depth.

Tripoli

Composition and properties. The term "tripoli" is loosely used to include many fine-grained substances, consisting principally of silica used for abrasive purposes, but here the word "tripoli" designates a light, porous rock, high in silica, which has an even fine-grained texture. Most of the grains are under one hundredth of a millimeter in diameter, and are probably chalcedony (a form of quartz).

Five samples of tripoli were analyzed by the Mineral Survey Laboratory. The composition of these samples is shown in table 13.

Table 13. Analyses of tripoli from Benton County

| Constituents | Deposit No. 2 | Deposit No. 3 | Deposit No. 6 | Deposit No. 8 | SW SW sec. 14-20N-31W |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Insoluble | 70.94 | 99.30 | 99.50 | 99.48 | 98.60 |
| Iron (Fe ₂ O ₃) | 0.16 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.22 | Trace |
| Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃) | 0.70 | 1.27 | 1.17 | 0.02 | 2.10 |
| Calcium carbonate (CaCO ₃) | 27.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Calcium oxide (CaO) | 15.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) | 12.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Moisture | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Magnesium carbonate (MgCO ₃) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Magnesium oxide (MgO) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Uses. Of the tripoli sold or used by producers in 1938 in the United States, 36.5 per cent of the tonnage and 42.2 per cent of the value was used for abrasives; 25.2 per cent of the tonnage and 24.0 per cent of the value was used as filler; 9.8 per cent of the tonnage and 3.8 per cent of the value was used as concrete admixture; and 28.5 per cent of the tonnage and 30.0 per cent of the value was used for miscellaneous purposes, including filter block, foundry facing, and other unspecified uses.

The tripoli from Arkansas appears to be best adapted for use as filler, but is also employed as concrete admixture and for other uses. In recent years the Arkansas product, having the trade name "Opalite," has found a large potential market as a constituent of drilling muds used in oil well drilling.

Prices. In 1937 the finished products of Arkansas tripoli were reported to be priced from \$8.00 to over \$22.50 per short ton, f.o.b. mill. The average yearly prices per short ton of tripoli in the United States, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, are shown on table 14.

Occurrence. The tripoli found in the Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington county area occurs in the Boone formation and is thought to be an alteration product of the chert. The largest deposits of tripoli in this area are in Benton County, two deposits are known in Washington County, and one deposit has been reported from Madison County. No tripoli is known to occur in Carroll County.

The most important of the known tripoli deposits are described below. The number of each deposit corresponds to a location number on plate III.

The Corona Products, Inc., quarry (no. 18 on pl. III) is located in secs. 11 and 14, T. 19 N., R. 29 W., approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Rogers and about half a mile west of State Highway 12. The tripoli is pure white and contains 98 per cent or more silica. The tripoli bed is nearly horizontal. It averages 30 feet in thickness and has an areal extent of about 60 acres.

Early mining was done underground, using the room and pillar method. Six rooms, an average of 50 feet by 100 feet by 30 feet in height, were excavated. The underground mining was abandoned in favor of quarrying when some trouble with caving ground was anticipated. Plate VII shows some of the rooms that have been broken into with the quarry. All of the tripoli now being produced is quarried. The quarry is roughly circular in shape, with dimensions of about 125 feet by 175 feet and with an average depth of 15 feet. An average of about 2 feet of overburden is stripped from the surface. Drilling is done with power drills and light charges of powder are used for blasting. A small Insley power shovel loads the broken tripoli into trucks and the material is taken to the company plant at Rogers where it is prepared for market. (See pl. VII.) The Corona Products plant has a daily capacity of 60 tons. The tripoli is wet ground in a pebble lined tube mill and water classified. It is then dried and air classified. Several classes of product are made, all of which will screen 99.5 per cent through 325 mesh.

The Corona Products, Inc., has reported a production of 23,300 short tons with a value of \$379,230.92 for the years 1929 to 1939 inclusive.

Number 1. Tripoli is exposed in a road cut on the west side of U. S. Hwy. 62 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 4, T. 20 N., R. 29 W. The cut is 200 feet south of a bridge over a dry branch, approximately 5 miles north of Rogers. The exposure is at the base of a small hill, approximately 100 feet in height. The tripoli is snow white, fine-grained, hard, and the exposed material has not become earthy. The tripoli is 5 feet thick and is exposed for a length of 50 feet along the cut. The hill in which the tripoli bed is present has an area of at least 5 acres. The deposit is easily accessible for truck haulage.

Number 2. Tripoli is exposed in the bed of the middle fork of Osage Creek in the center of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 34, T. 19 N., R. 30 W., approximately 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the town of Cave Springs. The tripoli forms the bed of the creek for a distance of 100 yards, and also is exposed on the west bank of this creek. The exposure ranges from 4 to 5 feet in thickness. There is a high percentage of limestone fragments in this tripoli. (See analysis, table 13.) Transportation facilities to the deposit are poor.

Number 3. A deposit crops out along a W.P.A. road from Highfill to Gentry, 3 miles from Gentry, in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 9, T. 18 N., R. 32 W. It is situated on the west side, and near the base of a very steep hill. The hill at this point forms a right angle at its base; one prong of the ridge runs north, while the other prong forms a ridge running east. The top of the hill is a small flat plateau which stands at an elevation of approximately 100 feet above the valley. The outcrops of tripoli were traced from the point of the hill on its west slope for a distance of 300 yards, with an exposed face measuring 30 feet in height. Tripoli in this exposure appears to be free of limestone and chert impurities; it is soft, coarse-grained, and light in weight. (See analysis, table 13.) The deposit is near a good W.P.A. road and only 3 miles from rail transportation. It could be easily mined by underground methods.

Number 4. Tripoli is found along a county road one mile south of the village of Bloomfield, in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 12, T. 18 N., R. 34 W. The tripoli is found in loose boulders which are scattered along the road cut, and flat pieces which cover over 2 acres of the surface on the east and west sides of the road. No excavation has been made to determine the thickness of the beds. The boulders of tripoli are coarse-grained and earthy. They are stained red and yellow in places, due to the presence of iron oxides. There has been no development of this deposit.

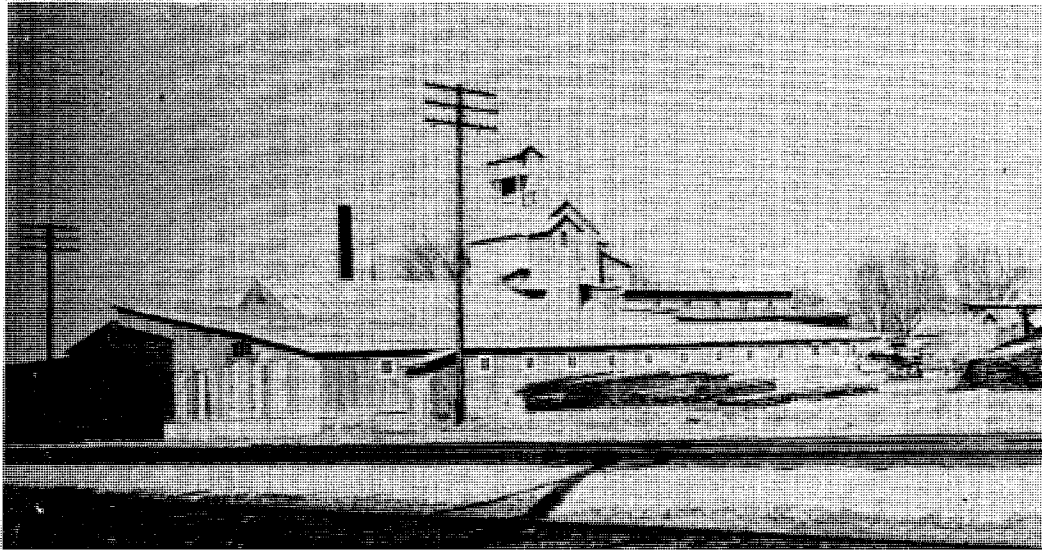
Number 5. Tripoli in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 27, T. 21 N., R. 34 W., is approximately 3 miles south of the town of Southwest City, Missouri, and a half mile from a branch line of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway. The tripoli crops out about two-thirds of the distance around a dome-shaped hill, approximately 40 feet below its top, and it has an exposed face 25 feet high at the outcrop. The deposit covers approximately 5 acres at the surface. The tripoli is snow white, light in weight, and free from limestone and chert impurities. It is of a good grade. The deposit could be mined by underground methods.

Number 6. A deposit is one mile north of Gravette, on U. S. Hwy. 71, in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 2, T. 20 N., R. 33 W. A low dome-shaped hill is cut through its center by the highway. The hill is roughly circular in shape and has an area of approximately 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. The tripoli bed averages 12 feet in thickness. (See analysis, table 13.) The location of the deposit on the highway near the tracks of the Kansas City Southern Railway is ideal for transportation facilities.

Number 7. Tripoli is found one-half mile north of Gravette, at the Cobb Tourist Camp on U. S. Hwy. 71. Tripoli crops out here in several places along both sides of a ridge, approximately 50 feet down the slopes. The tripoli is stained yellow in places, but few limestone and chert impurities are present. The deposit is adaptable to mining either by stripping or by underground methods. Some of this tripoli was used as a building stone in the construction of nearby camp buildings. The Kansas City Southern Railway tracks are adjacent to the deposit.

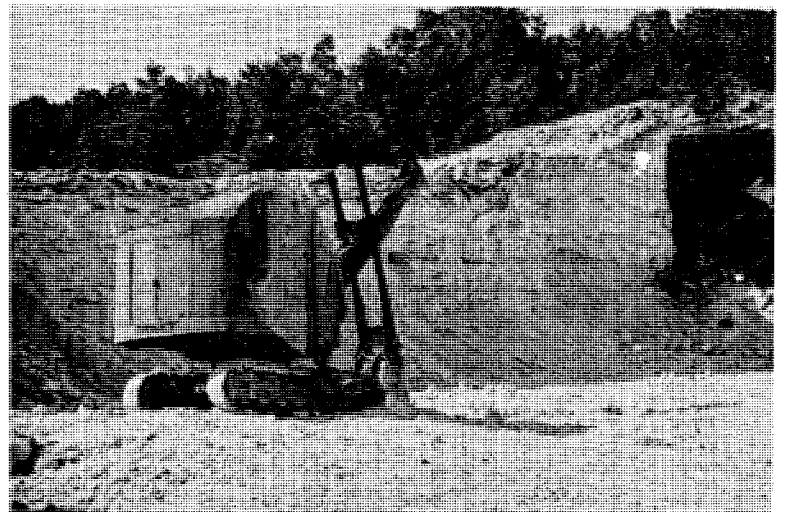
Number 8. A tripoli deposit is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 8, T. 20 N., R. 29 W., on a south flowing branch of Sugar Creek, 150 yards from the confluence of the branch and Sugar Creek. It is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from U. S. Hwy. 62 at Bestwater. It has an outcrop 100 yards long and a thickness of approximately 4 feet above the stream bed. The tripoli is capped by limestone. Chert inclusions near the contact make the exposed tripoli low in grade. Immediately east of this exposure, white tripoli of good quality is exposed on the county road at the base of a hill. (See analysis, table 13.) The thickness here is as much as 25 feet, and the tripoli is exposed for a length of 100 feet along the hillside. It is possible that a fair tonnage of good tripoli could be

**View of Silica Products, Inc., Quarry
showing abandoned underground workings**



**View of Silica Products, Inc.,
Plant at Rogers, Benton County**

View of Silica Products, Inc., Quarry



developed here.

Number 9. A deposit in the $SE\frac{1}{4} SW\frac{1}{4}$ and the $SW\frac{1}{4} SE\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 23, T. 19 N., R. 29 W., is known as the Starck Prospect. Outcrops occur for a distance of 250 yards along State Highway 94, and are traceable over a hillside which covers an area of 20 acres. Twenty-one feet of white tripoli is exposed in a cistern at the Starck home, and the bottom of the cistern is in tripoli. The deposit is adjacent to a good gravel road approximately 6 miles from railway transportation at Rogers.

Number 10. Tripoli is present on both sides of a cut along the abandoned Kansas City & Memphis Railroad in the $SW\frac{1}{4} NE\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 35, T. 19 N., R. 29 W. Tripoli is exposed from the top to the bottom of the 28-foot cut for a distance of 350 feet, and it covers about 9 acres. The tripoli is somewhat iron-stained and contains hard chert inclusions.

Number 11. Tripoli is located along State Highway 72, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Bentonville in the $NE\frac{1}{4} NW\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 22, T. 20 N., R. 30 W. Nine feet of tripoli is exposed for a distance of 300 feet. An area of 9 acres is believed to be underlain by tripoli which appears to be of good quality. The location is favorable for highway transportation. The deposit could be mined by open pit methods.

Number 12. A deposit known locally as the Sugar Creek Prospect No. 1, is located on the north bank of Little Sugar Creek, near State Highway 72 in the $SE\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 11, T. 20 N., R. 30 W. Twelve feet of tripoli is exposed for a quarter mile along a county road. The tripoli contains impurities of limestone and chert.

Number 13. A deposit, known locally as the Little Sugar Creek Prospect No. 2, is probably an extension of deposit Number 12. It is located in the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 7, T. 20 N., R. 30 W. The characteristics and thickness of the tripoli in the deposit are similar to those of tripoli in deposit Number 12.

Number 14. Tripoli is located on State Highway 72, about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Bentonville in the center of sec. 15, T. 20 N., R. 30 W. The tripoli covers approximately 2 acres and is about 12 feet thick. The quality of the tripoli is good. This deposit is not adaptable to open pit mining but could be mined by the room-and-pillar method.

The tripoli deposits investigated in Washington County are not as large nor of as good quality as those studied in Benton County. The two occurrences in Washington County that appear to have the most promise are:

$NE\frac{1}{4} SW\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 32, T. 18 N., R. 29 W. (See tripoli deposit no. 15, pl. III.)

$SW\frac{1}{4} SW\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 26, T. 18 N., R. 28 W. (See tripoli deposit no. 16, pl. III.)

Number 17. The only location of tripoli reported from Madison County is approximately 2 miles north of the town of Hindsville in the $SE\frac{1}{4} SE\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 33, T. 18 N., R. 27 W. (See pl. III.) This deposit is located on the bank of a shallow creek approximately one mile from its confluence with War Eagle Creek. The tripoli is exposed in a discontinuous bed which occurs between strata of limestone and chert of the Boone formation. The tripoli is impure, is stained yellow to brown, and is not suitable for commercial use. The deposit is about 20 miles from railway transportation.

Economic importance. The average annual production of tripoli in the United States for the years 1934 to 1938 inclusive was 26,703 short tons as reported by the U. S. Bureau of Mines^{6/}. There is probably somewhat more tripoli exported from the United States than is imported, and, therefore, the domestic production is slightly greater than the domestic consumption.

^{6/} Johnson, Bertrand L., and Schauble, M., Abrasive Materials: U. S. Bureau of Mines Minerals Yearbook, Review of 1938, p. 1227, 1939.

Figure 4 shows graphically the production of tripoli from Benton County for the years 1934 to 1938 and the percentage relationship between Benton County production and the total United States production. It is apparent that, although the tonnage produced varies widely from year to year, Benton County tripoli has maintained a steady position in relationship to total production.

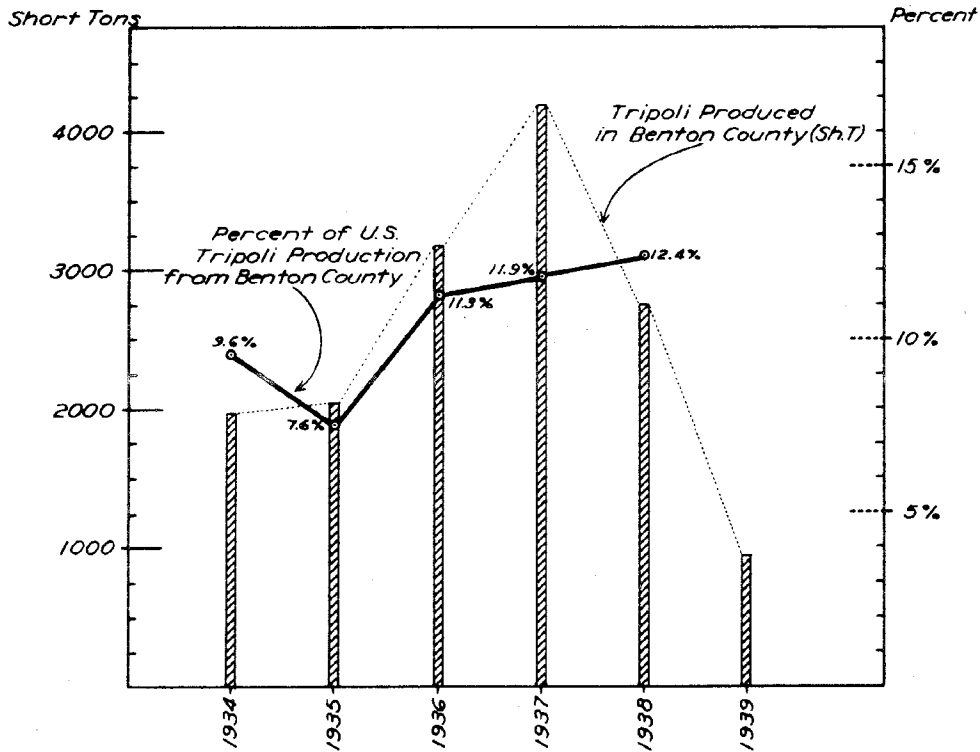


Figure 4. Tonnage of tripoli produced in Benton County and percentage relationship to United States production, 1934-1938

The production of tripoli is limited by the needs of consumers, and these needs may be gauged by the records of past production. New markets for tripoli may be developed and present markets may be extended in the future, but it is unlikely that these factors would cause a sharp increase in demand.

The developed deposits in northern Arkansas have large reserves of raw tripoli, and present plant (mill) capacity is more than adequate to supply the present demands for the product. There are undeveloped deposits of tripoli in North Arkansas that appear to be of good quality, of sufficient size, and well located for exploitation. The commercial development of these deposits is a complex problem.

Production. All of the production of tripoli in northwest Arkansas has come from Benton County. The total production is shown in table 14.

Table 14. Production and value of tripoli produced in Benton County^{1/}

| Year | Production short tons | Value | Average price per short ton |
|------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1929 | 300 | 2,928.00 | \$ 9.76 |
| 1930 | 5,455 | 104,790.55 | 19.21 |
| 1931 | 1,429 | 27,451.09 | 19.21 |
| 1932 | 1,135 | 24,084.70 | 21.22 |

Table 14. Production and value of tripoli produced in Benton County
(cont.)

| Year | Production short tons | Value | Average price per short ton |
|------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1933 | 809 | 14,505.37 | 17.93 |
| 1934 | 1,972 | 21,810.32 | 11.06 |
| 1935 | 2,079 | 22,993.74 | 11.06 |
| 1936 | 3,230 | 50,194.20 | 15.54 |
| 1937 | 4,186 | 60,697.00 | 14.50 |
| 1938 | 2,750 | 35,365.00 | 12.86 |
| 1939 | 955 | 14,410.95 | 15.09 |
| | 24,300 | 379,230.92 | 15.61 |

1/ Based on state severance tax reports.

BUILDING STONE

Composition and properties. The principal desirable properties of a building stone are: relatively high strength (hardness and toughness), low percentage of absorption (absence of pores and minute fractures), good workability (ease of cutting and dressing), resistance to chemical weathering, and beauty (attractive color and texture). Physical and chemical tests may be made to determine the adaptability of rocks to particular uses, but the best test of a building stone is observation of the stone in use over a period of years.

A survey was made of 358 stone structures in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties. Approximately 55 per cent of all of the stone used in the structures surveyed is field stone gathered near the site of the structures. The field stone is derived principally from the Atoka sandstone, the Wedington sandstone, the Boone formation, and the Hale sandstone. Most of the field stone is used as found or is rough cut.

About 45 per cent of the stone has come from quarries. Approximately 17 per cent of the stone has been quarried from the Boone formation (including the St. Joe limestone), and about the same percentage of stone has been quarried from lower Ordovician magnesian limestones (nearly all is Cotter dolomite). Less than 2 per cent of the quarried stone is Hale sandstone, about 1.3 per cent is Atoka sandstone, and less than 1 per cent is Wedington sandstone. About 7.5 per cent of the quarried stone was not identified as to formation. The major part of this unidentified stone is probably Boone limestone, Pitkin limestone, Brentwood limestone, and Wedington sandstone. (See table 16.)

The structures surveyed were constructed between 1820 and 1939 and more than half were built since 1930. Less than 3 per cent of the structures were reported to be in poor condition for which inferior mortar is partly responsible. The oldest structure, a stone house between Fayetteville and Greenland in Washington County, was constructed in 1820 of Wedington sandstone. The stone is reported to be in good condition, but the mortar is crumbling and cracking.

Uses. Of the structures surveyed there were 110 residences, 61 stores, 25 garages and filling stations, 24 schools, 22 business and office buildings, 19 cabins, 16 churches, 14 hotels and apartment houses, 13 public buildings, 8 farm buildings, 7 factories, 4 warehouses, 3 hospitals, and 2 railroad stations. There were also 23 retaining walls, 5 dams, and 2 bridge abutments. Approximately 55 per cent of the stone was used in dams, retaining walls, and bridge abutments. The major part of the stone used in this class of structure was rough field stone. About 45 per cent of the stone was used for the several kinds of buildings listed above. Most of the stone used in this class of structure was cut or rough cut quarried stone.

Occurrence. Stone suitable for building purposes is widely and abundantly distributed over the four-county area. Field stone is present over most of the area. The Boone limestone, the St. Joe limestone, the Cotter dolomite, the Wedington sandstone, the Atoka sandstone, and the Pitkin limestone are good quarry stones and of these formations, one at least is available in every township. Locations and brief descriptions of several quarries are given on table 15.

Production. It is estimated that there are 3,752,244 cubic feet of stone in the 358 structures surveyed. Approximately 3,725,510 cubic feet of stone came from Benton Carroll, Madison and Washington counties. About 26,734 cubic feet of stone was imported from other states and other counties of Arkansas. (See table 16.)

Dolomite

Composition and properties. Chemically pure dolomite consists of 45.65 per cent magnesium carbonate, and 54.35 per cent calcium carbonate. Dolomite rock commonly contains more or less silica, iron, excess lime, or other elements. Physically, dolomite rock resembles limestone with which it is easily confused. It is slightly harder than limestone, and will not effervesce with cold dilute hydrochloric acid. (Limestone effervesces freely.)

Uses. Dolomite may be used as road material, building stone, and structural stone. It is used to correct acidity and as a source of magnesium in soils, in glass manufacture, and in the manufacture of insulating material (such as rock wool). Dead-burned dolomite is used as a refractory in furnace bottoms.

Prices. The prices paid for dolomite depend upon the use for which it is employed. Crushed dolomite usually sells for about the same as crushed limestone and sandstone. The price of crushed rock f.o.b. plant ranges from about 50 cents to \$2.00 per short ton.

Occurrence. The only surface occurrences of dolomite of possible economic importance in this area are located in Carroll and Benton counties. The dolomite is part of the Cotter formation. The deposits described below are numbered to correspond to the location numbers on plate VIII.

Number 1. A symmetrical ridge of dolomite parallels the east bank of the White River in sec. 20, T. 21 N., R. 26 W. This ridge supports the east side of the Missouri and Arkansas Railway bridge, which crosses the White River near Beaver Station. The dolomite forms a steep bluff which rises approximately 100 feet above normal water level. The dolomite is fine-grained, light-gray, and hard. Occasional lenticular nodules of chert are present between the beds. Very thin beds of sandstone are locally present. On exposed surfaces, the dolomite beds are vertically jointed and cubical blocks weather out from the formation.

Number 2. A cut and tunnel of the Missouri and Arkansas Railway in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 31, T. 21 N., R. 25 W., has exposed a thickness of 20 feet to 40 feet or more of dolomite. The dolomite appears to be of good quality with only minor chert and thin sandy beds. A large tonnage of material has been indicated by the railroad cut, and conditions here seem to be favorable for low quarrying costs.

Number 3. The only reported production of dolomite has come from two quarries near Sulphur Springs in Benton County. Both are operated by the Independence Gravel Company, whose main office is located in Joplin, Missouri. The Chalybeate Quarry is located on U. S. Hwy. 71 at Chalybeate Creek in sec. 15, T. 21 N., R. 33 W. This quarry is about 400 feet south of the Missouri-Arkansas line. It is approximately 400 feet in diameter, and is excavated to a depth of 21 feet. The top 7 feet consists of red clay and gravel overburden, which is stripped with a steam shovel. Two beds of dolomite are mined, the upper bed, about five feet thick, contains a small percentage of impurities, principally chert and iron oxide. The material from this bed is ground

Table 15. Stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties

| Map no. | Location | | | Formation or rock type | Type of opening and size | Use | Remarks |
|---------|--------------------|-----|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | |
| | Benton County | | | | | | |
| 1 | 14 | 21N | 33W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 2 | 23 | 21N | 33W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | Many buildings in Benton County have been built of this stone |
| 3 | 24 | 21N | 33W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 4 | 33 | 21N | 33W | - | - | Building stone | - |
| 5 | NW | 25 | 21N 29W | Boone limestone | Quarry 500x100x50 ft. | Structural stone and burned lime | - |
| 6 | 22 | 21N | 28W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 7 | 24 | 21N | 28W | Limestone | Quarry 300x100x11 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 8 | 27 | 21N | 28W | Wedington sandstone | - | Building stone | - |
| 9 | N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE | 29 | 21N 28W | Boone limestone | Quarry and underground | Road material and agricultural lime | Large deposit of good grade lime-stone, relatively free from chert and other impurities |
| 10 | NW | 32 | 21N 28W | Boone limestone | New quarry | Building stone | Stone is thin bedded and slabs are cut for veneer |
| 11 | 20 | 21N | 27W | Limestone | Quarry 300x75x10 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 12 | 9 | 20N | 31W | Limestone | Quarry 150x150x13 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 13 | SW | 21 | 20N 31W | Limestone | Quarry 400x400x30 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 14 | 36 | 20N | 31W | Boone limestone | Quarry 400x200x9 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 15 | 28 | 20N | 30W | Boone limestone | Quarry 250x75x6 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 16 | SE | 9 | 20N 29W | Boone limestone | Quarry 200x50x40 ft. | Road material and agricultural lime | - |

Table 15. Stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Formation or rock type | Type of opening and size | Use | Remarks |
|----------------|----------|-----|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | |
| 17 | 12 | 19N | 33W | Limestone | Quarry 400x75x10 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 18 | 7 | 19N | 32W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 19 | 8 | 19N | 32W | Boone limestone | Quarry 300x100x50 ft. | Structural stone (crushed) | - |
| 20 | 28 | 19N | 31W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 21 | 19 | 19N | 30W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 22 | 29 | 19N | 29W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 23 | 10 | 18N | 33W | Boone limestone | Quarry 500x50x6 | Building stone | - |
| 24 | 30 | 18N | 33W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 25 | 32 | 18N | 33W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 26 | 12 | 17N | 33W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone and agricultural lime | - |
| 27 | 32 | 17N | 33W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| Carroll County | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 22 | 21N | 27W | Limestone | Quarry 300x90x6 ft. | - | - |
| 29 | 8 | 21N | 26W | Limestone | Quarry 250x50x15 ft. | - | - |
| 30 | 21 | 21N | 26W | Cotter (?) | - | Building stone | Stone used in Palace Hotel, Eureka Springs |
| 31 | 33 | 21N | 26W | Cotter (?) | Quarry | Building stone | Stone used in Baptist and Presbyterian churches, Eureka Springs |
| 32 | 35 | 21N | 26W | Cotter (?) | Quarry | Building stone | Known as Spangler Quarry |
| 33 | 36 | 21N | 26W | Limestone | Quarry 400x100x6 ft. | - | - |
| 34 | 35 | 21N | 24W | - | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |

Table 15. Stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | Formation or rock type | Type of opening and size | Use | Remarks |
|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | S. | T. R. | | | | |
| 35 | 20 | 21N 22W | - | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 36 | 10 | 20N 26W | Boone (?) | - | Building stone | - |
| 37 | 15 | 20N 26W | Boone (and St. Joe) limestones | - | Building stone | Stone used in City Auditorium, Eureka Springs |
| 38 | 16 | 20N 26W | Boone limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 39 | 11 | 20N 25W | Cotter (?) | - | Building stone | - |
| 40 | SW NE 18 | 20N 25W | Limestone | Quarry 250x200x9 ft. | Building stone | - |
| 41 | S $\frac{1}{2}$ 18 | 20N 25W | Limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 42 | 29 | 20N 24W | Cotter (?) | - | Building stone | Stone used in Methodist Church, Berryville |
| 43 | 30 | 20N 24W | Cotter (?) | - | Building stone | - |
| 44 | SE NE 34 | 20N 24W | Limestone | - | Road surfacing | - |
| 45 | 35 | 20N 24W | Limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 46 | SE NE 36 | 20N 24W | Boone limestone | Quarry | Agricultural lime and road material | - |
| 47 | NE SW 36 | 20N 24W | Boone limestone | Quarry 150x25x18 ft. | Chiefly agricultural lime | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 48 | NE SW 5 | 20N 23W | Boone (St. Joe) limestone | Quarry 200x200x15 ft. | - | - |
| 49 | 9 | 20N 22W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 50 | 29 | 20N 22W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 51 | 31 | 20N 22W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |

Table 15. Stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Formation or rock type | Type of opening and size | Use | Remarks |
|----------------|----------|----|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | |
| 52 | | 14 | 19N 26W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 53 | SW | 12 | 19N 23W | Limestone | Quarry 400x100x15 ft. | - | - |
| 54 | NE | 12 | 19N 23W | Limestone | - | - | - |
| 55 | | 32 | 18N 24W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| Madison County | | | | | | | |
| 56 | | 23 | 19N 26W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 57 | | 17 | 18N 26W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 58 | | 1 | 17N 27W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 59 | | 18 | 17N 27W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 60 | | 21 | 17N 27W | - | - | Building stone | - |
| 61 | | 1 | 17N 26W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 62 | | 14 | 17N 26W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 63 | | 17 | 17N 26W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 64 | | 19 | 17N 26W | - | - | Building stone | - |
| 65 | NW | 22 | 17N 26W | Boone limestone | - | Agricultural lime | - |
| 66 | | 25 | 17N 26W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 67 | SW | 28 | 17N 26W | Hindsville (?) | - | Agricultural lime and road material | Average thickness 15 ft. |
| 68 | SE | 29 | 17N 26W | Boone Hindsville (?) | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 69 | | 30 | 17N 26W | - | - | Building stone | - |

Table 15. Stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map No. | Location | | | Formation or rock type | Type of opening and size | Use | Remarks |
|-------------------|----------|-----|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | |
| 70 | 34 | 17N | 26W | Brentwood limestone | Quarry | Agricultural lime and structural stone | Hard, blue-gray, pure limestone. Quarry located about 1/2 mile north of Huntsville Courthouse |
| 71 | NW | 30 | 17N 25W | Boone limestone | Quarry | Agricultural lime (local) | - |
| 72 | SW | 30 | 17N 25W | Boone (?) | Quarry | Agricultural lime | - |
| 73 | 5 | 16N | 26W | - | - | Building stone | Stone used in State Vocational School, Huntsville |
| 74 | 8 | 16N | 26W | - | - | Building stone | Stone used in old courthouse, Huntsville |
| 75 | 11 | 16N | 26W | - | - | Building stone | Stone used in grade school, Huntsville |
| 76 | 18 | 16N | 24W | Boone (?) | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 77 | 20 | 16N | 24W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 78 | 11 | 14N | 28W | Limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 79 | SE | 31 | 14N 27W | Limestone | - | Building stone | - |
| 80 | 4 | 13N | 26W | - | - | Building stone | Stone used in school at St. Paul |
| Washington County | | | | | | | |
| 81 | 25 | 18N | 31W | Boone limestone | - | Agricultural lime and structural stone | - |
| 82 | 21 | 17N | 30W | Boone limestone | Quarry | Limestone for burning and agricultural lime | Two natural gas-fired kilns; normal daily output said to be between 25 and 50 tons of burned lime. For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 83 | 1 | 17N | 29W | Boone limestone | - | Agricultural lime | - |

Table 15. Stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | Formation or rock type | Type of opening and size | Use | Remarks |
|---------|----------|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | S. | T. R. | | | | |
| 84 | 5 | 17N 29W | Wedington (?) | - | Building stone | - |
| 85 | 32 | 17N 29W | Brentwood limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 86 | 21 | 17N 28W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 87 | 32 | 17N 28W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 88 | 7 | 16N 30W | Batesville sandstone | - | Building stone | Stone used in Fayetteville jail |
| 89 | 4 | 15N 31W | Boone limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 90 | 28 | 15N 30W | Pitkin limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 91 | 29 | 15N 30W | Wedington sandstone | - | Building stone | Stone used in school at West Fork |
| 92 | 32 | 15N 30W | Pitkin limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |
| 93 | 4 | 14N 33W | Boone (?) | - | Building stone | - |
| 94 | 7 | 14N 32W | Pitkin limestone | Quarry | Agricultural lime and road material | - |
| 95 | 4 | 14N 30W | Pitkin limestone | - | Agricultural lime and crushed lime | - |
| 96 | 5 | 14N 30W | Pitkin limestone | - | - | For chemical analysis, see table 18 |

Table 16. Kinds of building stone in use in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties
(cu. ft.)

| County | Field stone ^{1/} | Quarried stone | | | | | | Total | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|--|
| | | Boone lime-stone ^{2/} | Lower Ordovician limestone ^{2/} | Limestone, formation not known ^{4/} | Atoka sand-stone | Hale sand-stone | Wedington sandstone | | Sandstone, formation not known ^{5/} |
| Benton | 56,439 | 94,103 | - | 27,519 | - | 2,618 | 1,792 | - | 182,471 |
| Carroll | 20,835 | 536,064 | 638,378 | 8,064 | - | - | - | - | 1,203,341 |
| Madison | 43,460 | 7,515 | - | - | 33,940 | - | 38,457 | 139,563 | 262,935 |
| Washington | 1,954,020 | - | - | - | 12,930 | 11,093 | 38,880 | - | 2,076,763 |
| | 2,074,754 | 637,682 | 638,378 | 35,583 | 46,870 | 13,711 | 79,129 | 139,563 | 3,725,510 |
| Stone from other counties in Arkansas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,214 |
| Stone from other states | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 25,520 | 25,520 |
| | 2,074,754 | 637,682 | 638,378 | 35,583 | 46,870 | 13,711 | 79,129 | 166,297 | 3,752,244 |

1/ Includes stone from Atoka sandstone, Wedington sandstone, Boone formation, and Hale sandstone.

2/ Includes the St. Joe limestone.

3/ Probably nearly all from the Cotter dolomite.

4/ Probably mostly Boone limestone.

5/ Probably mostly Wedington sandstone.

6/ Probably mostly Boone limestone, Pitkin limestone, and Brentwood limestone.

to pass a 60 mesh screen, and is sold as a fertilizer ingredient. The lower bed, about 9 feet thick, is nearly pure dolomite. It is fine-grained and hard. Material from this bed is sold to the glass industry.

The other quarry is located on Butler Creek, a short distance from the Chalybeate Quarry in the same section. The quarrying is accomplished by cutting down the face of a hill. Material from this operation is crushed to between 10 and 20 mesh, and is sold for soil sweetener through the Federal Soil Conservation Department. The impure product is crushed and sized for use as road material.

Production. Quarries in Benton County report 51,350 short tons of crushed dolomite, valued at \$69,321.68, for the years 1937 to 1939, inclusive. The production for these years, from state severance tax reports, is:

Table 17. Production and value of crushed dolomite in Benton County^{1/}

| Year | Production short tons | Value | Average unit price |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1937 | 15,382 | \$20,765.98 | 1.35 |
| 1938 | 13,435 | 18,135.58 | 1.35 |
| 1939 | 22,533 | 30,419.02 | 1.35 |
| | 51,350 | 69,321.68 | |
| ^{1/} Based on state severance tax reports. | | | |

Limestone

Composition and properties. Pure limestone consists of 100 per cent calcium carbonate, but it is seldom that the rock is found in the pure state. The term "limestone" may designate a rock which varies from nearly pure carbonate of lime to a rock which is high in clay, magnesia, or siliceous impurities. Marked variations in composition may at times be found even in a single quarry, while in other cases a limestone formation may show remarkable uniformity of composition over a wide area. Limestones may be massive or thin-bedded, porous or compact, coarse or fine-grained, or composed of fragmental material. They may have almost any color. The chief impurities in the limestones found in northwest Arkansas are silica, clay minerals, iron, and magnesium.

Table 18 gives the analyses and locations of a variety of limestone samples taken in the four counties covered by this report.

Uses. Limestones are used chiefly as building stones, road material, limestone for burning, agricultural lime, and in the manufacture of Portland cement. The limestones found in this area are used for all of these purposes except in the manufacture of Portland cement.

Prices. The price of limestone is relative to the purity of the deposit, use of the stone, location, and degree of preparation. Price for limestone f.o.b. plant ranges from less than 50 cents to \$4.00 or more per short ton.

Occurrence. The limestone used for burning and for agricultural lime is quarried chiefly from the Boone formation in these counties, although some has been obtained from the Pitkin limestone. The St. Joe limestone, often referred to as a marble, is the basal member of the Boone formation and is widely used as a building stone. The Brentwood limestone of the Bloyd formation is used to some extent as a rough building stone. Thirty limestone analyses are given in table 18. Additional limestone occurrences are described in table 15 (p. 26).

Table 18. Locations and analyses of limestones

| Map no. | County | Location | | Formation or member | Silica or insoluble (SiO ₂) | Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃) | Magnesium carbonate (MgCO ₃) | Calcium oxide (CaO) | Magnesium oxide (MgO) | Organic matter | Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) | Water (H ₂ O) | Calcium carbonate (CaCO ₃) |
|---------|------------|----------|---------|---------------------|---|---|--|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | | S. T. | R. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Benton | 28 | 19N 31W | Boone | 0.26 | 2.58 | 0.26 | 55.18 | 0.12 | - | 43.36 | - | 98.54 |
| 21 | Benton | 19 | 19N 30W | Boone | 0.56 | 0.02 | - | 55.63 | - | - | 43.68 | 0.21 | 99.31 |
| 22 | Benton | 29 | 19N 29W | Boone | 0.62 | 2.76 | 0.30 | 54.82 | 0.23 | - | 43.08 | - | 97.90 |
| 34 | Carroll | 35 | 21N 24W | Boone | 4.56 | 0.96 | 0.09 | 53.72 | 0.04 | - | 42.18 | - | 95.90 |
| 35 | Carroll | 20 | 21N 22W | Boone (?) | 4.98 | 4.28 | 0.26 | 49.80 | 0.12 | - | 39.29 | - | 88.95 |
| 47 | Carroll | 36 | 20N 24W | Boone | 0.93 | 0.50 | - | 42.90 | - | - | 54.60 | 0.03 | 97.50 |
| 49 | Carroll | 9 | 20N 22W | Boone | 4.42 | 5.18 | 2.19 | 48.34 | 1.06 | - | 39.04 | - | 86.24 |
| 50 | Carroll | 29 | 20N 22W | Boone | 0.52 | 6.46 | - | 52.98 | - | - | 41.67 | - | 94.65 |
| 51 | Carroll | 31 | 20N 22W | Boone | 2.16 | 1.84 | 1.93 | 53.49 | 0.94 | - | - | - | 95.51 |
| 52 | Carroll | 14 | 19N 26W | Boone | 3.76 | 2.50 | 0.53 | 51.18 | 0.25 | - | 40.53 | - | 91.43 |
| 55 | Carroll | 32 | 18N 24W | Boone | 5.40 | 1.70 | 28.30 | 35.35 | 13.58 | - | - | - | 63.50 |
| 56 | Madison | 23 | 19N 26W | Boone | 0.06 | 0.48 | - | 55.50 | - | - | 43.54 | - | 99.04 |
| 57 | Madison | 17 | 18N 26W | Boone | 2.34 | 0.72 | 0.11 | 54.05 | 0.24 | - | 42.48 | - | 96.53 |
| 58 | Madison | 1 | 17N 27W | Boone | 0.94 | 0.70 | 0.17 | 55.10 | 0.084 | - | 43.30 | - | 98.40 |
| 59 | Madison | 18 | 17N 27W | Boone | 1.46 | 0.76 | - | 55.90 | - | - | 43.91 | - | 99.81 |
| 61 | Madison | 1 | 17N 26W | Boone | 0.48 | 0.82 | - | 55.05 | - | - | 43.25 | - | 98.30 |
| 62 | Madison | 14 | 17N 26W | Boone | 2.34 | 1.96 | 0.18 | 53.34 | 0.086 | - | 41.91 | Trace | 95.25 |
| 63 | Madison | 17 | 17N 26W | Boone | 0.38 | 0.66 | - | 55.25 | - | - | 42.40 | 0.08 | 98.65 |
| 66 | Madison | 25 | 17N 26W | Boone | - | - | - | 54.90 | - | - | 42.18 | - | 97.72 |
| 68 | Madison | 29 | 17N 26W | Boone | 0.24 | 0.32 | - | 55.38 | - | - | 43.48 | 0.02 | 98.87 |
| 76 | Madison | 18 | 16N 24W | Boone | 3.10 | 2.32 | 0.89 | 52.04 | 0.43 | - | 41.30 | - | 92.88 |
| 77 | Madison | 20 | 16N 24W | Boone | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.55 | 55.24 | 0.26 | - | 43.63 | - | 98.58 |
| 82 | Washington | 21 | 17N 30W | Boone | 0.71 | 1.51 | 0.33 | 54.60 | 0.15 | - | - | - | 97.48 |
| 85 | Washington | 32 | 17N 29W | Brentwood | 7.45 | 24.12 | - | 37.52 | - | - | 29.48 | 0.77 | 67.00 |
| 86 | Washington | 21 | 17N 28W | Boone | 2.70 | 2.44 | - | 49.73 | - | 3.75 | 39.07 | 0.56 | 88.80 |
| 87 | Washington | 32 | 17N 28W | Boone | 1.26 | 1.12 | - | 53.20 | - | - | 34.10 | 0.04 | 97.30 |
| 89 | Washington | 4 | 15N 31W | Boone | 0.95 | 0.66 | 0.30 | 54.92 | 0.14 | - | - | - | 98.08 |
| 90 | Washington | 28 | 15N 30W | Pitkin | 1.76 | 1.62 | 2.34 | 52.37 | 1.11 | - | - | - | 93.52 |
| 92 | Washington | 32 | 15N 30W | Pitkin | 1.90 | 0.89 | 0.27 | 54.58 | 0.13 | - | - | - | 97.32 |
| 96 | Washington | 5 | 14N 30W | Pitkin | 0.22 | 0.64 | 0.39 | 55.44 | 0.18 | - | - | - | 99.00 |

Field men for the State Mineral Survey took samples of limestones from the Bloyd formation to be analyzed to determine their suitability for use in manufacturing cement. The limestone samples were taken from the Brentwood member of the Bloyd formation. The samples were taken along 12 cross sections (numbered A-B 1 to A-B 12) over an area covering 20 square miles in T. 14 N., R's. 29 and 30 W. (See fig. 5.) The area lies along U. S. Hwy. 71, and the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, between the towns of West Fork and Brentwood in Washington County. Between 5 and 10 samples were taken along each cross section. The samples from each cross section were pulverized, mixed thoroughly, and analyzed as composites. The results of the chemical analyses are given in table 19.

The results of the sampling, though inconclusive, indicate that limestones suitable for Portland cement can be obtained in this area.

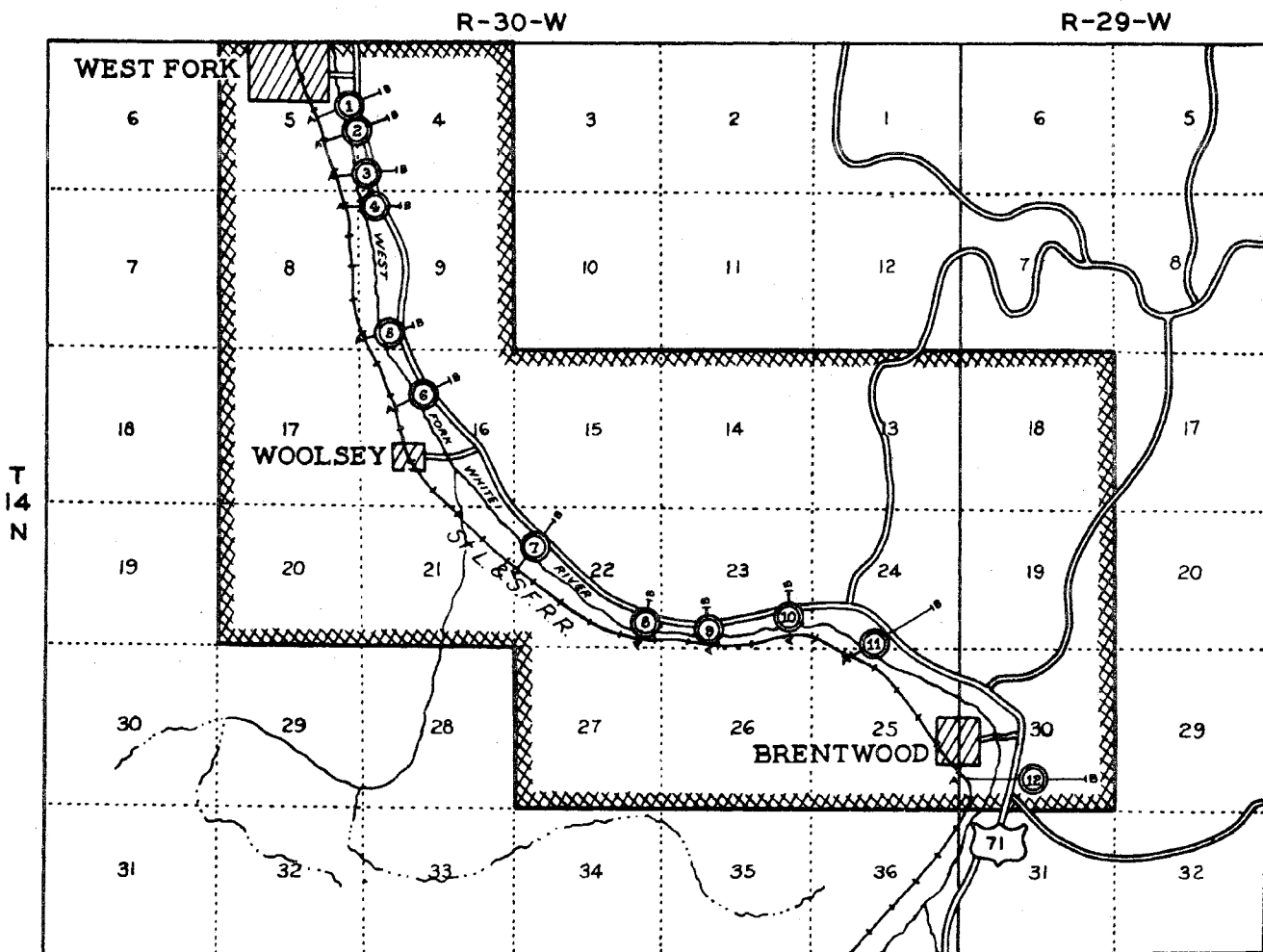


Figure 5. Map showing location of limestone samples

Economic importance. Limestone is one of the most important non-metallic deposits in northwest Arkansas. These deposits are widespread over the counties, and the large reserves of highly pure limestone are of sufficient quantity and will probably become of greater commercial importance in the future.

Production. Table 20 gives the production of limestone from this area for the years 1923 to 1939 inclusive. Most of this stone was used as agricultural lime.

Table 19. Chemical analyses of composite limestone samples

| | Cross sections | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| | A-B 1 | A-B 2 | A-B 3 | A-B 4 | A-B 5 | A-B 6 | A-B 7 | A-B 8 | A-B 9 | A-B 10 | A-B 11 | A-B 12 | | |
| Calcium carbonate (CaCO ₃) | 94.49 | 89.01 | 89.24 | 92.00 | 80.52 | 88.00 | 78.30 | 78.44 | 72.76 | 72.76 | 47.10 | 81.40 | | |
| Magnesium carbonate (MgCO ₃) | 0.84 | 1.05 | 0.63 | 1.27 | 2.45 | 1.61 | 3.03 | 3.15 | 10.70 | 11.40 | 2.11 | 1.65 | | |
| Silica (SiO ₂) and insolubles | 1.60 | 2.28 | 1.32 | 3.22 | 13.38 | 6.35 | 12.26 | 13.48 | 14.12 | 11.68 | 41.20 | 10.01 | | |
| Iron oxide (Fe ₂ O ₃) | 0.36 | 0.19 | 0.28 | 0.45 | 1.18 | 1.68 | 1.04 | 2.50 | 1.62 | 1.63 | 1.62 | 3.79 | | |
| Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃) | 1.30 | 3.81 | 3.32 | 0.55 | 0.40 | 0.67 | 2.94 | 0.50 | 0.18 | 3.37 | 3.78 | 1.65 | | |
| Calcium oxide (CaO) | 52.94 | 49.88 | 50.73 | 51.52 | 45.09 | 49.31 | 43.85 | 43.93 | 40.65 | 40.65 | 26.37 | 45.48 | | |
| Magnesium oxide (MgO) | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.30 | 0.60 | 1.17 | 0.77 | 1.45 | 1.51 | 5.02 | 5.35 | 0.99 | 0.77 | | |
| Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) | 40.60 | 45.72 | 42.00 | 40.48 | 35.43 | 38.70 | 34.45 | 34.49 | 33.46 | 33.10 | 21.78 | 29.20 | | |
| Water (H ₂ O) | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.16 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.20 | 0.14 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.00 | | |

Table 20. Production of limestone^{1/}

| Year | Production short tons | Value | Average unit price |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1923 ^{2/} | 4,334 | \$7,324.46 | \$1.69 |
| 1924 | 6,330 | 9,558.30 | 1.51 |
| 1925 | 9,502 | 12,769.46 | 1.34 |
| 1926 | 7,237 | 11,941.05 | 1.65 |
| 1927 | 6,052 | 9,199.04 | 1.52 |
| 1928 | 7,720 | 11,116.80 | 1.44 |
| 1929 | 7,312 | 10,383.04 | 1.42 |
| 1930 | 5,459 | 7,096.70 | 1.30 |
| 1931 | 4,910 | 7,315.90 | 1.49 |
| 1932 | 4,603 | 6,214.05 | 1.35 |
| 1933 | 3,448 | 4,310.00 | 1.25 |
| 1934 | 4,032 | 4,152.96 | 1.03 |
| 1935 | 5,173 | 5,328.19 | 1.03 |
| 1936 | 6,961 | 7,169.83 | 1.03 |
| 1937 | 6,213 | 6,275.13 | 1.01 |
| 1938 | 20,149 ^{3/} | 22,566.83 ^{3/} | 1.12 |
| 1939 | 10,533 | 11,796.96 | 1.12 |
| | 119,968 | \$154,518.74 | 1.29 |

^{1/} Based on state severance tax reports.

^{2/} Covers period from April 1 to December 31, 1923.

^{3/} Includes additional tonnage by audit adjustment for years 1934-1937, inclusive.

Marble

Properties. Any limestone that will take a polish and is suitable for ornamental purposes is considered to be a marble. The St. Joe member of the Boone formation is the only rock in these four counties which is so classified. The St. Joe marble is flesh to chocolate-colored, fine-grained, highly crystalline, and generally fossiliferous. The crushing strength varies between 8,989 pounds and 17,835 pounds per square inch; the absorption ratio varies from 1:296 to 1:400; and the specific gravity varies between 2.686 and 2.715. The stone weighs between 169.69 pounds to 177.88 pounds per cubic foot.

Onyx marble or Mexican onyx are popular names for a banded variety of crystalline lime carbonate which often occurs as a cave deposit.

Uses. The St. Joe marble is subject to all the uses of other limestones besides being used for ornamental and decorative purposes. The onyx marble is used in making pen stocks, paper weights, ash trays, and other small articles that are sold for curios.

Occurrence. The St. Joe marble is distributed over a wide area in Benton, Washington, Madison, and Carroll counties. (See pl. II.) It is found at the base of the Boone formation. Throughout the greater part of the area the St. Joe is from 25 to 50 feet thick and is in layers from a few inches to 10 feet thick.

Some caves in the limestones and dolomites near Eureka Springs in Carroll County contain onyx marble. One of these caves is on the east side of the railway, one mile north of the depot. Another is near Gaskin's Switch, four miles from Eureka Springs. A few slabs of onyx marble have been taken from Dirsts' Cave in sec. 14, T. 20 N., R. 17 W.

Road Materials

Properties. It is possible to use any sort of hard, durable rock of the right size and of sufficient quantity for road material. Gravels which contain chert, with some clay and fine calcite as "binder," are commonly used in the Ozark Plateaus Region. Crushed limestone also is used.

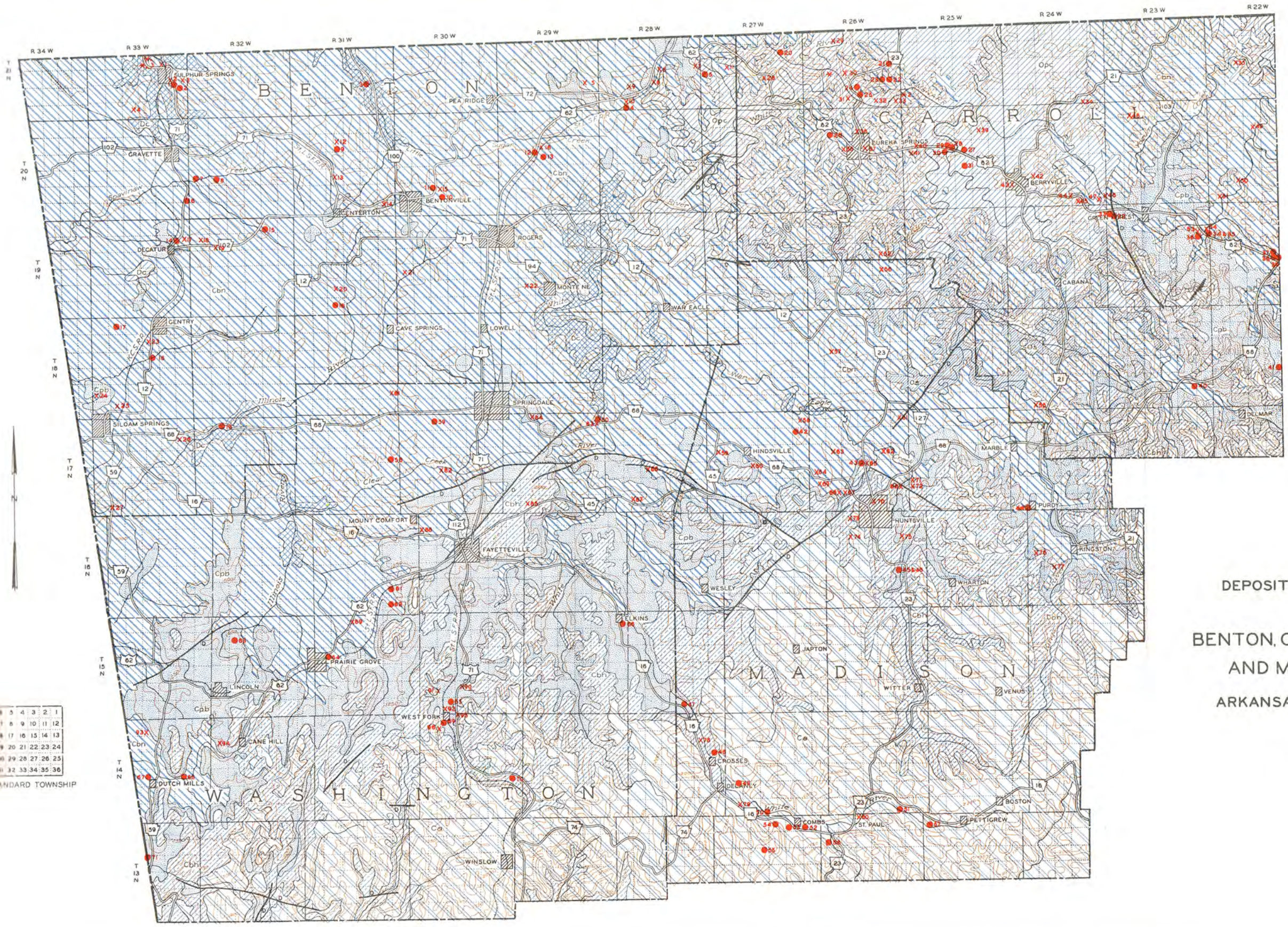
Occurrence. Washington, Benton, Carroll, and Madison counties are well supplied with road materials that can be used for both road foundations and surfaces. (See table 21.)

Alluvial gravel deposits, in stream and river beds and residual fragmental deposits formed by weathering of cherty limestone in place, are abundant in the Ozark Plateaus Region. These deposits are widely distributed and long hauls are not necessary for road building. Some of these deposits have been opened and the gravel used on federal, state, and county roads. The location of certain of these gravel deposits is shown on plate VIII and described on table 21.

Sufficient gravel or fragmental stone is obtained for road construction in Boone County, northern Washington County, and western Carroll County by grading the right-of-way to form a road bed. In localities in which the chert fragments are too large for road material, the large pieces are broken with hammers while the grading is being done.

An abundance of alluvial gravel occurs along the creeks and rivers in Madison County. Generally the alluvial gravel is easily accessible to transportation because the roads and highways are commonly built parallel to and near the streams.

Screen analyses were made of gravels from 15 deposits; three in Washington County, four in Benton County, four in Carroll County, and three in Madison County. These analyses are shown in table 22.



LEGEND

- PENNSYLVANIAN**
- MISSISSIPPIAN**
- DEVONIAN**
- ORDOVICIAN**
- Ca** Atoka formation
- Cbn** Boyd shale
Hale formation
- Cpb** Pitkin limestone
Fayetteville shale
Batesville sandstone
- Cbn** Boone formation
- Dc** Chattanooga shale
Sylamore sandstone
- Os** St Peter sandstone
Everton limestone
- Opc** Powell limestone
Cotter dolomite
- Fault**
- 21** State Highway
- 71** U.S. Highway
- Contour**
- Gravel
- X** Stone
- *** Dolomite

DEPOSITS OF GRAVEL AND STONE
 IN
 BENTON, CARROLL, WASHINGTON,
 AND MADISON COUNTIES
 ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SCALE OF MILES
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|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| 6 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | |
| 18 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | |
| 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | |

STANDARD TOWNSHIP

Table 21. Gravel and fragmental stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties

| Map no. | Location | | | Components | Size of components | Approximate size of deposit or opening | Estimated cu. yds. | Remarks |
|---------|------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | | |
| 1 | Benton County SW 24 | 21N | 33W | - | - | - | - | Gravel |
| 2 | NE NW 25 | 21N | 33W | - | - | - | - | Gravel |
| 3 | NE NW 26 | 21N | 31W | Angular chert and a small amount shale | 83.6% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 20 acres, with 4 ft. above water level | 290,000 | Alluvial gravel. Excavated area covers 1/4 acre. This gravel used to patch and re-surface State Hwy. 100. |
| 4 | S 1/2 32 | 21N | 28W | Chert, clay, gravel | - | Pit 150x130x4 ft. | - | - |
| 5 | SW 18 | 21N | 27W | Chert, gravel | - | Pit 300x100x4 ft. | - | - |
| 6 | SE 25 | 20N | 33W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 300x300x4.5 ft. | - | - |
| 7 | 19 | 20N | 32W | Chert | - | Pit 300x100x6 ft. | - | - |
| 8 | 20 | 20N | 32W | Gravel | - | - | - | - |
| 9 | W 1/2 SE 9 | 20N | 31W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 750x300x6 ft. | - | - |
| 10 | SE 28 | 20N | 30W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 350x150x4 ft. | - | - |
| 11 | 28 | 20N | 30W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 250x250x4.5 ft. | - | - |
| 12 | NW NW 16 | 20N | 29W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 650x200x5 ft. | - | - |
| 13 | Sen 16 | 20N | 29W | Chert, clay | 82.3% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 40 acres average 20 ft. | 5,800,000 | Gravel crops out in and on both sides of an intermittent stream. Used as base for black topping U. S. Hwy. 62. |
| 14 | W 1/2 NW 12 | 19N | 33W | Chert, clay | - | Pits (200x160x5 ft. (300x60x6 ft. | - | - |
| 15 | SW 2 | 19N | 32W | Chert, clay | 81.7% massing 2" mesh | Estimated 5 acres, average 10 ft. thick | 75,000 | Used on State Hwy. 102 between Decatur and Centerton |

Table 21. Gravel and fragmental stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Components | Size of components | Approximate size of deposit or opening | Estimated cu. yds. | Remarks |
|---------|-----------------|----|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | | |
| 16 | Sen | 33 | 19N 31W | Chert | 92.9% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 7 acres, with 6 ft. above water | 65,000 | Alluvial gravel in west fork of Osage Creek. There are other similar deposits along Osage Creek |
| 17 | | 5 | 18N 33W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 200x200x4 ft. | - | - |
| 18 | | 15 | 18N 33W | Shattered chert | - | Estimated 20 acres, average 18 ft. thick | 575,000 | Material is coarse and requires crushing. Used as base for black-topping State Hwy. 59. |
| 19 | SE | NW | 5 17N 32W | Chert | - | - | - | - |
| 20 | Carroll County | | | 85% chert, 10% limestone, 5% fines | 88.8% passing 2" mesh | - | - | Alluvial gravel in bars along Butler Creek. Has been used as railroad ballast and on W.F.A. roads |
| | | 14 | 21N 27W | | | | | |
| 21 | NW | 24 | 21N 26W | Chert, clay | 100% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 10 acres, average 15 ft. thick | 140,000 | Gravel from opening 100x25x15 ft. used on local W.F.A. roads. Reported excellent clay gravel because of uniformity of size |
| 22 | W $\frac{1}{2}$ | NW | 25 21N 26W | Chert | - | Pit 150x150x5 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 23 | E $\frac{1}{2}$ | NE | 26 21N 26W | Chert | - | Pit 150x150x5 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 24 | N $\frac{1}{2}$ | SW | 27 21N 26W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 300x300x3 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 25 | NW | 34 | 21N 26W | 90% chert, 10% limestone | 85.8% passing 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh | Pit 400x100x4 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel. Has been used on State Hwy. 23, and as filler between back and face walls of Leatherwood Dam |
| 26 | N $\frac{1}{2}$ | | 8 20N 26W | Chert, sandstone | - | Pit 600x150x5 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 27 | | 15 | 20N 25W | Chert | - | - | - | Alluvial gravel |

Table 21. Gravel and fragmental stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Components | Size of components | Approximate size of deposit or opening | Estimated cu. yds. | Remarks |
|---------|-----------------|-----|---------|--|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | | |
| 28 | 16 | 20N | 25W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 500x200x4 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 29 | 16 | 20N | 25W | Chert | - | Pit 400x200x4 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 30 | Cen | 16 | 20N 25W | About 50% sandstone and about 50% chert | 82.5% passing 2" mesh | Pit 750x150x6 ft. | - | Used on Pettigrew-Golden road, base for black-topping U. S. Hwy. 62, and for aggregate in concrete in Kings River bridge |
| 31 | N $\frac{1}{2}$ | 22 | 20N 25W | Chert | - | Pit 800x200x4 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 32 | SE NW | 6 | 19N 23W | Chert | - | Pit 300x300x5 ft. | - | Bank gravel |
| 33 | SE NW | 6 | 19N 23W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 1000x800x12 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 34 | SE SE | 12 | 19N 23W | Chert, sandstone | - | Pit 210x210x4 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 35 | SE | 12 | 19N 23W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 340x130x4 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 36 | SW NW | 12 | 19N 23W | Chert, Clay | - | Pit 250x150x2 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 37 | SW SE | 15 | 19N 22W | Chert, clay | - | - | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 38 | NW NE | 22 | 19N 22W | - | - | - | - | - |
| 39 | N $\frac{1}{2}$ | 22 | 19N 22W | Chert | - | Pit 300x150x9 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 40 | SE | 26 | 18N 23W | 80% sandstone, 20% chert | 83.4% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 60 acres, with 4 ft. above water level | 290,000 | Alluvial gravel of Osage and Kenner creeks. Several other bars below Kenner might be easily worked. |
| 41 | SE | 22 | 18N 22W | Chert | - | - | - | Alluvial gravel |
| 42 | Madison County | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | NW | 12 | 17N 27W | - | - | Pit 500x75x3 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 43 | NW | 22 | 17N 26W | Sandstone with minor chert and limestone | 93.4% passing 2" mesh | - | - | Has been screened and used in construction of State Hwy. 68 |

Table 21. Gravel and fragmental stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Components | Size of components | Approximate size of deposit or opening | Estimated cu. yds. | Remarks |
|---------|-------------------|----|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | | |
| 44 | SW | 32 | 17N 24W | - | - | Pit 300x100x3 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 45 | | 23 | 16N 26W | Soft sandstone | 75% passing 2" mesh | Pit 1300x300x3 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel. Used on State Hwy. 23. |
| 46 | | 23 | 16N 26W | Soft sandstone | - | Estimated 5 acres, 3 ft. above water level | 75,000 | Alluvial gravel, downstream from No. 45. |
| 47 | | 34 | 15N 28W | Sand, gravel | - | - | - | - |
| 48 | | 13 | 14N 28W | - | - | Pit 600x75x4 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 49 | NE | 30 | 14N 27W | - | - | Pit 600x75x5 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 50 | NE SE | 33 | 14N 27W | - | - | - | - | River gravel |
| 51 | SW | 35 | 14N 26W | - | - | Pit 250x200x2 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 52 | SW | 1 | 13N 27W | - | - | - | - | River gravel |
| 53 | | 2 | 13N 27W | - | - | Pit 1500x300x6 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 54 | | 3 | 13N 27W | - | - | Pit 1500x300x6 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 55 | NE | 16 | 13N 27W | Soft sandstone and 10% limestone | 90% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 20 acres, 5 ft. above water level | 550,000 | Alluvial gravel. Used in construction of State Hwy. 16 |
| 56 | | 7 | 13N 26W | - | - | - | - | River gravel |
| 57 | | 6 | 13N 25W | - | - | Pit 600x75x4 ft. | - | River gravel |
| 58 | Washington County | | | | | | | |
| | SW SE | 13 | 17N 31W | Clay, gravel | - | - | - | - |
| 59 | SW NW | 4 | 17N 30W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 800x200x5 ft. | - | - |

Table 21. Gravel and fragmental stone deposits in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties (cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Components | Size of components | Approximate size of deposit or opening | Estimated cu. yds. | Remarks |
|---------|----------|----|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | | | |
| 60 | SW | NE | 1 17N 29W | Chert, clay | 87.5% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 1½ acres, average 11 ft. thick | 30,000 | Some gravel has been crushed for black-topping State Hwy. 68, and for surfacing W.P.A. roads. |
| 61 | | | 26 16N 31W | Chert, clay | - | Pit 300x100x7 ft. | - | - |
| 62 | | | 35 16N 31W | Chert, sand, clay | 65% passing 2" mesh | Estimated 5 acres, average 12 ft. thick | 95,000 | Approximately 1 acre has been removed. Used in construction of State Hwy. 62. |
| 63 | | | 8 15N 32W | Chert, clay, gravel | - | Pit 200x150x5 ft. | - | - |
| 64 | | | 18 15N 31W | Chert, clay, gravel | - | Pit 210x210x3 ft. | - | - |
| 65 | | | 32 15N 30W | Gravel | - | - | - | - |
| 66 | | | 1 15N 29W | Gravel | - | - | - | - |
| 67 | | | 21 14N 33W | - | - | Pit 300x100x2.5 ft. | - | River gravel. |
| 68 | | | 23 14N 33W | - | - | Pit 250x100x4.5 ft. | - | River gravel. |
| 69 | | | 5 14N 30W | Chert, sandstone | 80.6% passing 2" mesh | Pit 900x90x3 ft. | - | Alluvial gravel. Now used for shoulders along U. S. Hwy. 71. If properly sized, would be suitable for coarse concrete aggregate. |
| 70 | | | 24 14N 30W | Clay, gravel | - | - | - | - |
| 71 | | | 16 13N 33W | - | - | Pit 100x100x3 ft. | - | River gravel. |

Table 22. Screen analyses of gravel

| Map no. | Screen size | | | | | | | | | | | | No. 4 | | | |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | 2 in. | | 1 1/2 in. | | 1 in. | | 3/4 in. | | 5/8 in. | | 1/2 in. | | 3/8 in. | | Per cent retained | Per cent passed |
| | Per cent retained | Per cent passed | Per cent retained | Per cent passed | Per cent retained | Per cent passed | Per cent retained | Per cent passed | Per cent retained | Per cent passed | Per cent retained | Per cent passed | Per cent retained | Per cent passed | Per cent retained | Per cent passed |
| 3 | 16.4 | 83.6 | 10.0 | 73.6 | 5.0 | 68.6 | 27.0 | 41.6 | - | - | 13.4 | 28.2 | 11.5 | 16.7 | 6.4 | 10.3 |
| 13 | 17.7 | 82.3 | 10.7 | 71.6 | 10.0 | 61.6 | 16.0 | 45.6 | - | - | 6.4 | 39.2 | 3.5 | 35.7 | 4.3 | 31.4 |
| 15 | 18.3 | 81.7 | 10.0 | 71.7 | 3.3 | 68.4 | 13.3 | 55.1 | - | - | 6.0 | 49.1 | 15.9 | 34.2 | 17.5 | 16.7 |
| 16 | 7.1 | 92.9 | 2.1 | 90.8 | 9.0 | 81.8 | 13.4 | 68.4 | - | - | 19.0 | 49.4 | 13.4 | 36.0 | 20.7 | 15.3 |
| 20 | 11.2 | 88.8 | 13.7 | 75.1 | 3.7 | 71.4 | 5.6 | 65.8 | - | - | 20.0 | 45.8 | 5.6 | 40.2 | 21.8 | 18.4 |
| 21 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 95.0 | 4.1 | 90.9 | 6.6 | 84.3 | - | - | 13.3 | 71.0 | 30.0 | 41.0 | 17.5 | 23.5 |
| 30 | 17.5 | 82.5 | 1.3 | 81.2 | 9.0 | 72.2 | 14.4 | 57.8 | - | - | 10.0 | 47.8 | 6.8 | 41.0 | 20.0 | 21.0 |
| 40 | 16.6 | 83.4 | 20.0 | 63.4 | 15.8 | 47.6 | 14.1 | 33.5 | - | - | 7.5 | 26.0 | 10.0 | 16.0 | 7.5 | 8.5 |
| 43 | 6.6 | 93.4 | 16.6 | 76.8 | 13.3 | 63.5 | 7.5 | 56.0 | - | - | 15.8 | 40.2 | 2.5 | 37.7 | 20.8 | 16.9 |
| 45 | 25.0 | 75.0 | 8.3 | 66.7 | 25.0 | 41.7 | 17.5 | 24.2 | - | - | 9.1 | 15.1 | 10.0 | 5.1 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| 55 | 9.1 | 90.9 | 10.0 | 80.9 | 32.5 | 48.4 | 18.3 | 30.1 | - | - | 10.9 | 19.2 | 10.0 | 9.2 | 5.3 | 3.9 |
| 60 | 12.5 | 87.5 | 12.5 | 75.0 | 17.5 | 57.5 | 8.7 | 48.8 | - | - | 7.5 | 41.3 | 16.2 | 25.1 | 15.0 | 10.0 |
| 62 | 35.0 | 65.0 | 5.8 | 59.2 | 4.2 | 55.0 | 10.9 | 44.1 | 10.0 | 34.1 | 2.5 | 31.6 | 8.3 | 23.3 | 15.8 | 7.5 |
| 65 | 19.4 | 80.6 | 8.5 | 72.1 | 6.3 | 65.8 | 11.2 | 54.6 | 7.5 | 47.1 | 6.9 | 40.2 | 11.9 | 28.3 | 15.0 | 13.3 |

FUEL MINERALS

Coal

Composition and properties. The coal in Washington County is similar to the coal farther to the south in the Arkansas Valley. It is of low-volatile bituminous rank. The volatile (or gaseous) constituents range from 12 per cent to about 20 per cent. The percentage of fixed carbon ranges from about 67 per cent to 80 per cent. The coal is friable (breaks up into fine particles) and must be handled carefully.

Uses. The market for the coal is local. The coal is used for heating and for blacksmithing.

Prices. Blacksmithing coal, in very small quantities, brought \$6.00 per ton, delivered in Springdale, and the run-of-mine coal brought \$4.50 per ton, f.o.b. Springdale. Blacksmithing coal, sold in 100-pound lots, brought \$3.00 to \$4.00 per ton in Prairie Grove. The prices quoted above were those for December, 1939.

Occurrence. Coal occurs in many localities in Washington County, and has been dug at intervals in several places. The coal bed is thin, having a maximum thickness of 22 inches. The lower portion of the bed (from 2 to 4 inches) is soft, and crumbles into small fragments. From 7 to 10 inches of the coal bed forms a continuous layer. All the coal known to be present in this area occurs in the Bloyd shale between the Brentwood limestone member (below the coal) and the Kessler limestone member (above the coal.) The coal bed is from 15 to 20 feet above the Brentwood limestone.

Coal deposits Number 1 and Number 2 appear to be the most promising in Washington County. The number used in referring to each deposit corresponds to the location number on plate IX.

Number 1. A coal seam is on the Alex Allen farm, approximately 5 miles southeast of Springdale, in sec. 21, T. 17 N., R. 29 W. (See pl. IX.) The coal occurs in a nearly horizontal seam which is capped by beds of sandstone. The sandstone is 20 feet thick at this place, and is overlain by 15 feet of overburden. The coal bed is from 12 to 14 inches thick. It is underlain by 48 inches of gray clay. (See section on Clay, p. 10.) It is estimated that the surface area of coal in this locality covers 100 acres, with an average bed thickness of 12 inches. The quality of the coal appears to be uniform in all the openings examined.

Number 2. A coal bed on the Van Over farm crops out at Stephenson Mountain, about 3 miles southeast of Prairie Grove, in sec. 33, T. 15 N., R. 31 W. (See pl. IX.) The coal bed dips slightly to the east, and is overlain by 35 feet of sandstone and shale. The coal seam varies in thickness from 14 inches on the western exposure to 22 inches on the eastern exposure. The coal is present in the hills adjacent to Stephenson Mountain, and in the hills at the Hubbard settlement, a gross area of approximately 200 acres. Clay underlies much of the coal in this district.

The locations of some of the coal occurrences in Washington County are listed in table 23, and are shown on plate IX.

Table 23. Locations of coal deposits in Washington County

| No. | Quarter | Sec. | Twp. | Rge. |
|-----|---------|------|------|------|
| 1 | NW NW | 21 | 17N | 29W |
| 2 | NE NE | 33 | 15N | 31W |
| 3 | NE NE | 12 | 13N | 31W |
| 4 | SE SW | 19 | 13N | 31W |
| 5 | SW NW | 24 | 13N | 31W |

Table 23. Locations of coal deposits in Washington County
(cont.)

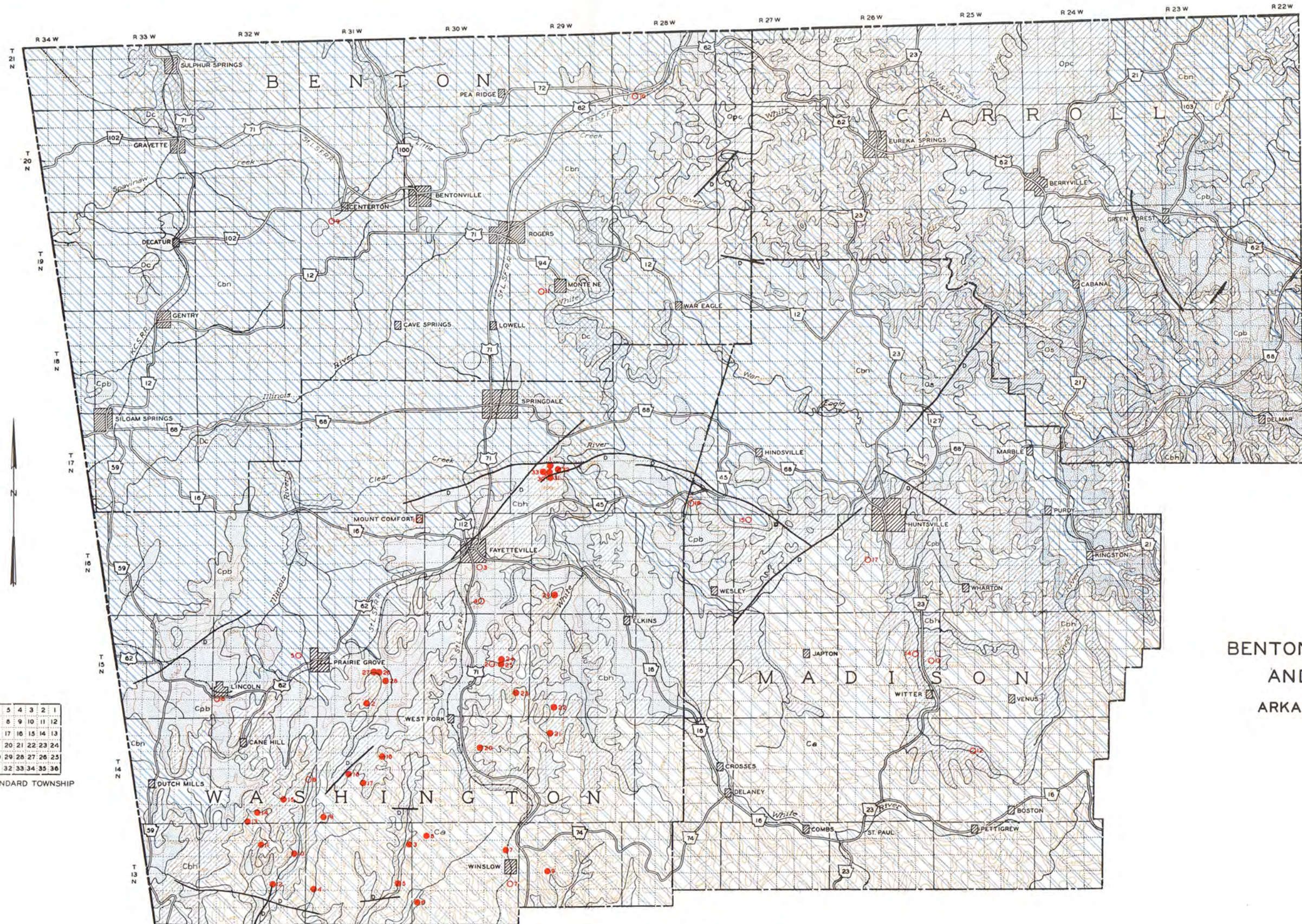
| No. | Quarter | Sec. | Twp. | Rge. |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|------|
| 6 | NE SW | 30 | 13N | 30W |
| 7 | SW NW | 12 | 13N | 30W |
| 8 | NW SE | 6 | 13N | 30W |
| 9 | SE SW | 17 | 13N | 29W |
| 10 | SW | 12 | 13N | 32W |
| 11 | NE NW | 10 | 13N | 32W |
| 12 | NW SW | 23 | 13N | 32W |
| 13 | SW SW | 33 | 14N | 32W |
| 14 | SW NE | 33 | 14N | 32W |
| 15 | NW SW | 26 | 14N | 32W |
| 16 | NW NE | 15 | 14N | 31W |
| 17 | NE SE | 21 | 14N | 31W |
| 18 | NE NE | 20 | 14N | 31W |
| 19 | NE SW | 31 | 14N | 31W |
| 20 | NE SW | 10 | 14N | 30W |
| 21 | SW SW | 5 | 14N | 29W |
| 22 | SE NW | 32 | 15N | 29W |
| 23 | NW SW | 25 | 15N | 30W |
| 24 | NE SW | 14 | 15N | 30W |
| 25 | SE SW | 14 | 15N | 30W |
| 26 | SW NW | 22 | 15N | 31W |
| 27 | SE NW | 22 | 15N | 31W |
| 28 | SE SE | 22 | 15N | 31W |
| 29 | SE SW | 29 | 16N | 29W |
| 30 | SW NW | 21 | 17N | 29W |
| 31 | NW SW | 21 | 17N | 29W |
| 32 | SW NE | 21 | 17N | 29W |
| 33 | E $\frac{1}{2}$ | 20 | 17N | 29W |

Economic importance. The coal deposits in Washington County are of local importance only. The quantity of coal present is too small to supply large markets. The quantity available is sufficient, however, so that substantially more coal could be produced if there were a greater local demand.

Production. The production of coal in Washington County has been small. State severance tax reports give the production as follows:

Table 24. Production of coal in Washington County

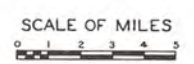
| Year | Production short tons | Value |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1923-1932 | None reported | |
| 1933 | 1,074 | \$2,856.84 |
| 1934 | 248 | 521.72 |
| 1935 | 112 | 235.20 |



LEGEND

- PENNSYLVANIAN**
 - Atoka formation*
 - Bloyd shale*
Hale formation
- MISSISSIPPIAN**
 - Pitkin limestone*
Fayetteville shale
Batesville sandstone
 - Boone formation*
- DEVONIAN**
 - Chattanooga shale*
Sylamore sandstone
- ORDOVICIAN**
 - St. Peter sandstone*
Everton limestone
 - Powell limestone*
Coffey dolomite
- Fault*
- State Highway*
- U.S. Highway*
- Contour*
- Coal*
- Oil or gas wells and oil seeps*

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| | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |

STANDARD TOWNSHIP

Table 25. Producers of coal in Washington County

| Name | Address | Year operated |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Eaton, J. A. | Fayetteville | 1933 |
| Eaton, L. F. | Fayetteville | 1933 |
| Edwards, W. S. | Fayetteville | 1934-34 |
| Gray, W. E. | Fayetteville | 1933 |
| Little, John L. | Baldwin | 1933-34 |
| Stanberry, J. R. | Fayetteville | 1933-34-35 |
| Van Over & Johnson | Prairie Grove | 1933-34 |
| Allen Bros. Coal Co. | Springdale | 1933-40 |
| Spring, C. A. | Farmington | 1934 |
| Napier, G. C. | Cave Hill | 1935 |
| Turner, M. B. | Winslow | 1935 |

Oil and Gas

Occurrence. Surface structures, oil seeps, and "shows" of oil in water wells in northwest Arkansas, have led to exploration and wildcatting for oil and gas. Several test wells have had indications of oil and gas. Table 26 gives the location of two oil seeps and 15 test wells drilled in Washington, Benton, and Madison counties. The formations or members of formations considered to be the most favorable for gas or oil accumulation in this area are the Sylamore sandstone, the Hale sandstone, the Wedington sandstone, the St. Peter sandstone, the Kings River sandstone, the Everton sandstone, and the Boone limestone.

Table 26. Oil seeps and test wells in Washington, Benton, and Madison counties

| Map no. | Quarter | Sec. | T. | R. | County | Remarks |
|---------|-----------------------------------|------|-----|-----|------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Mount Comfort | | | | Washington | Small yield of gas reported |
| 2 | SE | 15 | 15N | 30W | Washington | Small amount of oil reported |
| 3 | South of Fayetteville city limits | | | | Washington | Small yield of gas reported |
| 4 | NW | 34 | 16N | 30W | Washington | Shows of oil and gas reported |
| 5 | NW SE NE | 14 | 15N | 32W | Washington | Reported to have produced some gas |
| 6 | SW SW | 30 | 15N | 32W | Washington | Shows of oil and gas reported |
| 7 | | 24 | 13N | 30W | Washington | Show of oil and gas reported |
| 8 | | 24 | 14N | 32W | Washington | Oil seep reported |
| 9 | NE SE | 5 | 19N | 31W | Benton | Gas reported |
| 10 | SE NW | 32 | 21N | 28W | Benton | Small gas production reported |
| 11 | SW SE | 29 | 19N | 29W | Benton | Dry hole |
| 12 | SE SE SE | 8 | 14N | 25W | Madison | Gas reported |
| 13 | | 13 | 15N | 26W | Madison | Shows of gas and oil reported |
| 14 | NW NW NE | 14 | 15N | 26W | Madison | Shows of gas and oil reported |
| 15 | NE SE NE | 6 | 16N | 27W | Madison | Show of gas and oil reported |
| 16 | NW SE NW | 35 | 17N | 28W | Madison | Shows of gas reported |
| 17 | NE SE | 17 | 16N | 26W | Madison | Oil seep - Hale formation |

Economic importance. There appears to be good possibilities for the accumulation of small quantities of gas in favorable structures in Washington, Benton, and Madison counties, but the chances of finding oil in commercial quantities in this area do not appear to be good. The possibilities are poor for gas or oil accumulations in commercial quantities in Carroll County.

Springs

There are many springs in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties. Table 27 lists most of the larger springs and gives the approximate flow of water during a 24-hour period. The springs described in table 27 are located on plate X, the number on the map corresponding to the reference number in the table.

Table 27. List of springs in Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties.

| Map no. | Location | | | Est. 24-hour yield (gals.) | Owner and address | |
|-----------------------|----------|----|-----|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | S. | T. | | | R. |
| <u>Carroll County</u> | | | | | | |
| 1 | NW SE | 17 | 19N | 23W | 1,200 | L. Wolfe, Osage |
| 2 | NE NW | 3 | 19N | 25W | 1,000 | W. Fanning, Berryville |
| 3 | SW SE | 1 | 20N | 27W | 11,520 | Wm. Stilley, Eureka Springs |
| 4 | SE NE | 1 | 20N | 27W | 7,200 | Dave Starr, Eureka Springs |
| 5 | SE SE | 2 | 20N | 27W | 2,450 | Dave Starr, Eureka Springs |
| 6 | NW NE | 3 | 20N | 27W | 4,175 | Jessie Parker, Busch |
| 7 | SW NW | 10 | 20N | 27W | 7,200 | V. R. McManus, Eureka Springs |
| 8 | SE NW | 10 | 20N | 27W | 1,440 | M. Redwine, Sacramento, California |
| 9 | NE NW | 11 | 20N | 27W | 2,160 | Ira Dean, Eureka Springs |
| 10 | SW SE | 12 | 20N | 27W | 2,880 | J. Herndon, Eureka Springs |
| 11 | NW NE | 13 | 20N | 27W | 1,440 | B. Scates, Eureka Springs |
| 12 | NE NW | 14 | 20N | 27W | 1,440 | Floyd Slaine, Eureka Springs |
| 13 | SW SW | 21 | 20N | 27W | 1,630 | W. H. Koller, Eureka Springs |
| 14 | NW SE | 21 | 20N | 27W | 2,020 | A. P. McAlester, Eureka Springs |
| 15 | SW SW | 23 | 20N | 27W | 10,800 | Fred Eames, Mundell |
| 16 | SE SE | 25 | 20N | 27W | 21,600 | C. Johnson, Eureka Springs |
| 17 | NW NW | 26 | 20N | 27W | 5,040 | S. Higginbotham, Mundell |
| 18 | NW SE | 28 | 20N | 27W | 1,585 | S. Amous, Mundell |
| 19 | NW NW | 36 | 20N | 27W | 1,870 | Mary David, Eureka Springs |
| 20 | NE NW | 30 | 21N | 22W | 1,000 | D. C. Candill, Oakgrove |
| 21 | NE NW | 14 | 21N | 27W | 1,730 | E. H. Boyer, Eureka Springs |
| 22 | NE SE | 16 | 21N | 27W | 2,880 | J. W. Lawson, Busch |
| 23 | SE SE | 22 | 21N | 27W | 1,870 | G. W. Dye, Busch |
| 24 | NW NW | 28 | 21N | 27W | 1,295 | L. Crentzberg, Eureka Springs |
| 25 | SW SW | 33 | 21N | 27W | 1,585 | E. Gunnels, Busch |
| 26 | SW SW | 36 | 21N | 27W | 1,440 | Marvin David, Eureka Springs |
| 27 | SW NE | 36 | 21N | 27W | 2,450 | Phillips University, Enid, Okla. |
| <u>Benton County</u> | | | | | | |
| 28 | SW NE | 1 | 17N | 33W | 2,000 | Charley Owen, Siloam |
| 29 | NW SE | 1 | 17N | 33W | 144,000 | Charley Owen, |
| 30 | NE SE | 3 | 17N | 33W | 7,200 | Frank Watts, Rt. #4, Gentry |
| 31 | NW SE | 1 | 18N | 28W | 53,800 | O. V. Samuels, War Eagle |
| 32 | SW NW | 12 | 18N | 28W | 79,200 | G. C. Sharp, Rt. #2, Springdale |
| 33 | NE SE | 12 | 18N | 28W | 5,090 | C. J. Broderick, Best |
| 34 | NW NE | 4 | 18N | 29W | 18,720 | C. H. Cloyd, Rt. #2, Lowell |
| 35 | NE SW | 23 | 18N | 30W | 1,008,000 | City of Springdale, Springdale |
| 36 | SW SW | 23 | 18N | 30W | 600,000 | City of Springdale, Springdale |
| 37 | NE SE | 1 | 18N | 31W | 750,000 | Mrs. Julia Young, Tulsa, Okla. |

Table 27. List of springs in Benton, Carroll,
Madison, and Washington counties

| Map no. | Location | | | Est. 24-hour yield (gals.) | Owner and address | |
|-------------------|----------|----|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | |
| 38 | NW SE | 19 | 18N | 31W | 1,440 | J. H. Elliott, Springtown |
| 39 | SE SW | 19 | 18N | 31W | 2,000 | Unknown |
| 40 | NE SW | 22 | 18N | 31W | 3,000 | Burk Henisho, Elm Springs |
| 41 | NE SE | 22 | 18N | 31W | 8,000 | Coly Oneal, Elm Springs |
| 42 | SW SW | 5 | 18N | 32W | 10,080,000 | J. C. Davidson, Springtown |
| 43 | SE NE | 15 | 18N | 33W | 3,000 | Forest Maddox |
| 44 | NE NW | 15 | 18N | 33W | 3,000 | Sam Gratell, Rt. #2, Gentry |
| 45 | SW NW | 15 | 18N | 33W | 1,000 | E. L. Moore, Rt. #2, Gentry |
| 46 | SE SW | 35 | 18N | 33W | 576,000 | Siloam Springs, Siloam Springs |
| 47 | SW SW | 36 | 18N | 34W | 1,500 | John E. Brown Schools, Siloam Spgs. |
| 48 | NE SE | 24 | 19N | 28W | 34,560 | John Pullen, Rogers |
| 49 | NW NW | 16 | 19N | 29W | 40,320 | E. H. Fischer, Rogers |
| 50 | NW SE | 22 | 19N | 29W | 67,680 | J. E. Felker, Rogers |
| 51 | NW NE | 29 | 19N | 31W | 416,000 | C. V. Rice, Bentonville |
| 52 | NW NW | 34 | 19N | 31W | 79,200 | J. E. Kirkes, Bentonville |
| 53 | NW NE | 34 | 19N | 31W | 21,600 | Unknown |
| 54 | SE SW | 36 | 19N | 31W | 12,000 | W. D. Rozar, Cave Springs |
| 55 | SW SW | 17 | 20N | 27W | 34,560 | Earmie Douglas, Garfield |
| 56 | NE NE | 9 | 20N | 28W | 113,760 | W. L. Moon, Rt. #1, Garfield |
| 57 | SE NW | 21 | 20N | 28W | 25,280 | W. E. Smiley, Star Rt., Garfield |
| 58 | SW SE | 4 | 20N | 29W | 148,020 | Charles Hutcheson, Rogers |
| 59 | SW SE | 5 | 20N | 29W | 630,000 | George Miser, Rogers |
| 60 | NE NW | 9 | 20N | 29W | 14,480 | Miss Jane Wardlow, Rt. #4, Rogers |
| 61 | NW SW | 15 | 20N | 29W | 223,200 | Cleda Miller, Avoca |
| 62 | NW NE | 17 | 20N | 29W | 34,560 | C. E. Pfrimmer, Avoca |
| 63 | SE SW | 19 | 20N | 29W | 132,930 | Dr. R. W. Russell, Rt. #6, Rogers |
| 64 | SE NW | 29 | 20N | 29W | 108,000 | Crest Bowman, Rogers |
| 65 | SW NW | 34 | 20N | 29W | 630,000 plus | Mrs. Claude Woods, Wichita Falls, Texas |
| 66 | NE SE | 34 | 20N | 29W | 630,000 plus | Percy Farley, Rogers |
| 67 | NW NW | 2 | 20N | 30W | 67,680 | H. F. Price, Rt. #4, Bentonville |
| 68 | SW SE | 6 | 20N | 30W | 630,000 plus | Martha Blevins, Rt. #4, Bentonville |
| 69 | NW SE | 7 | 20N | 30W | 630,000 plus | Ford Estate, Bentonville |
| 70 | SW NE | 7 | 20N | 30W | 115,200 | Claudia A. Summers, Tulsa, Okla. |
| 71 | SE NE | 29 | 20N | 30W | 1,800 | Dr. W. A. Pickens, Bentonville |
| 72 | NW NE | 34 | 20N | 30W | 67,680 | H. M. Bush, Rt. #5, Rogers |
| 73 | NE SW | 18 | 20N | 32W | 17,280 | J. E. Ketcheraid, Gravette |
| 74 | SE SW | 1 | 20N | 33W | 5,000 | N. C. Brun, Des Moines, Iowa |
| 75 | NW NW | 24 | 20N | 34W | 1,000 | A. Walley, Montrose, Mo. |
| 76 | SW SW | 10 | 21N | 28W | 108,000 | Floyd Gregory, Bakersville, Calif. |
| 77 | NE SW | 23 | 21N | 28W | 79,200 | Keen Roller, Seligman, Mo. |
| 78 | NW NE | 22 | 21N | 31W | 23,040 | Port Thompson, Bentonville |
| 79 | SE NE | 29 | 21N | 31W | 36,000 | J. O. Sheppard, Rt. #1, Hiwasse |
| 80 | NE SE | 21 | 21N | 31W | 36,000 | O. H. Keer, Rt. #2, Hiwasse |
| 81 | SE SE | 33 | 21N | 31W | 250,000 | L. R. McNeeley, Rt. #3, Bentonville |
| 82 | SW NW | 34 | 21N | 31W | 2,230 | Lewis Mertshey, Rt. #4, Bentonville |
| 83 | SE SE | 27 | 21N | 32W | 31,680 | D. B. Figgins, Sulphur Springs |
| 84 | NE NW | 34 | 21N | 33W | 2,230 | D. M. Greer |
| Washington County | | | | | | |
| 85 | NE SE | 5 | 13N | 28W | 4,320 | Miss Cloud, Sunset |
| 86 | SE NW | 6 | 13N | 28W | 4,320 | Bob Miller, Sunset |
| 87 | NE NE | 8 | 13N | 29W | 7,200 | J. W. McKenzie, Winslow |
| 88 | NW NE | 23 | 13N | 29W | 36,000 | Mr. Gambles, Winslow |

Table 27. List of springs in Benton, Carroll,
Madison, and Washington counties
(cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Est. 24-hour yield (gals.) | Owner and address | |
|------------|----------|----|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | S. | T. | R. | | | |
| 89 | NE NE | 25 | 13N | 29W | 7,200 | Bill Lopper, Sunset |
| 90 | NW SE | 29 | 13N | 29W | 11,520 | F. C. Meadows, Winslow |
| 91 | NW SE | 29 | 13N | 29W | 4,320 | Alec Sorencen, Winslow |
| 92 | SE SW | 2 | 13N | 31W | 31,680 | John Taylor, West Fork |
| 93 | SE SE | 2 | 13N | 31W | 7,200 | Mrs. Rose, Strickler |
| 94 | NW SW | 4 | 13N | 31W | 1,200 | J. E. Bance, Rt. #1, West Fork |
| 95 | SW NE | 26 | 13N | 31W | 7,200 | State of Arkansas |
| 96 | SE NW | 18 | 13N | 32W | 1,000 | W. F. Cole, Evansville |
| 97 | NE NE | 33 | 13N | 32W | 4,320 | Unknown |
| 98 | SW SW | 1 | 13N | 33W | 14,400 | Lee Wright, Cane Hill |
| 99 | NW NW | 2 | 13N | 33W | 4,800 | Smuck Heirs, Evansville |
| 100 | SE SE | 2 | 13N | 33W | 3,600 | Lee Wright, Cane Hill |
| 101 | NE NE | 11 | 13N | 33W | 28,800 | Milton Brown, Evansville |
| 102 | SW NW | 11 | 13N | 33W | 21,600 | H. A. Eckhardt, Evansville |
| 103 | NW SW | 11 | 13N | 33W | 21,600 | L. W. Baker, Evansville |
| 104 | SE NE | 13 | 13N | 33W | 21,600 | R. J. Cox, Evansville |
| 105 | SE NW | 13 | 13N | 33W | 21,600 | R. J. Cox, Evansville |
| 106 | NE SE | 22 | 13N | 33W | 28,800 | A. H. Reed, Evansville |
| 107 | NE SW | 22 | 13N | 33W | 36,000 | W. A. Wilson, Evansville |
| 108 | SW SW | 22 | 13N | 33W | 36,000 | Sherman Cartwright, Evansville |
| 109 | SE NE | 23 | 13N | 33W | 14,400 | George Barker, Rt. #1, Evansville |
| 110 | SE NE | 23 | 13N | 33W | 21,600 | Beverly Bowlin, Evansville |
| 111 | SE NE | 23 | 13N | 33W | 14,400 | George Barker, Evansville |
| 112 | NE NW | 23 | 13N | 33W | 14,400 | Jim Winsted, Evansville |
| 113 | NW NW | 6 | 14N | 28W | 1,000 | Blaine du Bell, Durham |
| 114 | NE SW | 21 | 14N | 28W | 2,000 | J. C. Nichols, Hazel Valley |
| 115 | NW NW | 31 | 14N | 28W | 36,000 | Berl Skelton, Hazel Valley |
| 116 | SE NE | 31 | 14N | 28W | 36,000 | W. L. Evans, Hazel Valley |
| 117 | NE NE | 33 | 14N | 28W | 72,000 | Fred Baker, Hazel Valley |
| 118 | NE NE | 2 | 14N | 29W | 1,000 | F. W. Luttwerm, Sturgis, Mich. |
| 119 | NE NE | 15 | 14N | 29W | 7,200 | F. A. Stout, Hazel Valley |
| 120 | NW NW | 20 | 14N | 29W | 2,000 | George Hoover, Brentwood |
| 121 | SW NE | 2 | 14N | 31W | 7,200 | C. O. Carney, West Fork |
| 122 | SW SW | 4 | 14N | 32W | 1,000 | W. B. Campbell, Cane Hill |
| 123 | SE NE | 4 | 14N | 32W | 2,500 | W. R. Land, Cane Hill |
| 124 | NW NE | 4 | 14N | 32W | 1,250 | R. B. Moore, Fayetteville |
| 125 | SE SE | 5 | 14N | 32W | 24,000 | J. H. Pyatt, Cane Hill |
| 126 | NE NW | 5 | 14N | 32W | 14,400 | H. W. Henson, Lincoln |
| 127 | SE SE | 5 | 14N | 32W | 3,000 | N. C. Meals, Cane Hill |
| 128 | NE SW | 8 | 14N | 32W | 1,200 | H. W. McClellan, Cane Hill |
| 129 | SE NE | 8 | 14N | 32W | 7,200 | R. P. Paterson, Cane Hill |
| 130 | NE NW | 9 | 14N | 32W | 4,200 | W. H. Ludle, Cane Hill |
| 131 | NW SW | 9 | 14N | 32W | 1,200 | Unknown |
| 132 | NE SE | 10 | 14N | 32W | 1,000 | Wm. Williams, Rt. #1, Prairie Grove |
| 133 | SW SE | 11 | 14N | 32W | 1,000 | J. J. Phillips, Prairie Grove |
| 134 | SW NE | 11 | 14N | 32W | 2,000 | Gene Rollins, Unknown |
| 135 | NE SE | 13 | 14N | 32W | 4,320 | Nannie Stanley, Rt. #1, Prairie Grove |
| 136 | NW NW | 14 | 14N | 32W | 4,320 | E. W. Spencer, Prairie Grove |
| 137 | NW SE | 17 | 14N | 32W | 43,200 | H. E. Richmond, Clyde |
| 138 | SW NW | 17 | 14N | 32W | 7,200 | S. W. Yates, Clyde |
| 139 | SE NE | 17 | 14N | 32W | 1,440 | |
| 140 | NE NE | 20 | 14N | 32W | 28,800 | A. F. Cox, Cane Hill |
| 141 | SE SE | 21 | 14N | 32W | 1,800 | A. R. Reed, Prairie Grove |

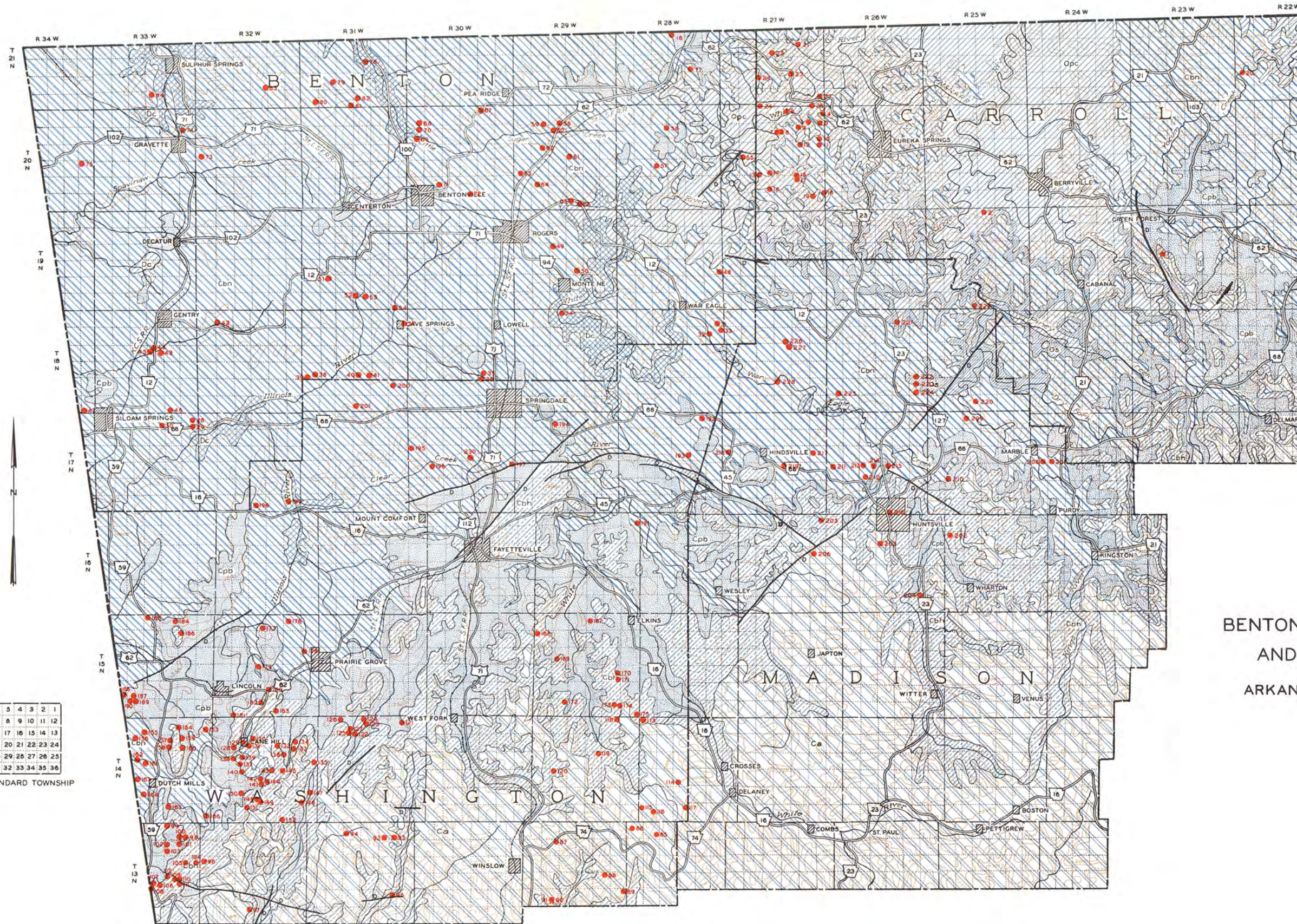
Table 27. List of springs in Benton, Carroll,
Madison, and Washington counties
(cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Est. 24-hour yield (gals.) | Owner and address | |
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| | S. | T. | R. | | | |
| 142 | NE SE | 21 | 14N | 32W | 1,800 | Emma King, Unknown |
| 143 | NE NW | 22 | 14N | 32W | 1,200 | Tommy Taylor, Prairie Grove |
| 144 | NW SW | 22 | 14N | 32W | 1,800 | Delta Jordan, Prairie Grove |
| 145 | NW NW | 23 | 14N | 32W | 1,000 | W. M. Remington, Prairie Grove |
| 146 | SW SW | 25 | 14N | 32W | 36,000 | T. W. Brewster, Rt. #1, Prairie Grove |
| 147 | SW NE | 25 | 14N | 32W | 28,800 | G. L. Montgomery, Prairie Grove |
| 148 | SW SE | 28 | 14N | 32W | 21,600 | Jim Reece, Lincoln |
| 149 | SE SE | 28 | 14N | 32W | 36,000 | Spurrier, Prairie Grove |
| 150 | SE NE | 29 | 14N | 32W | 7,200 | Frank Webber, Cane Hill |
| 151 | NW NW | 33 | 14N | 32W | 1,440 | Unknown |
| 152 | SW SW | 35 | 14N | 32W | 4,320 | C. W. Chambers, Prairie Grove |
| 153 | NW SE | 1 | 14N | 32W | 2,400 | Mrs. Bush, Fayetteville |
| 154 | NW SW | 2 | 14N | 33W | 1,000 | Pette Bros., Lincoln |
| 155 | SW SW | 4 | 14N | 33W | 21,600 | Otis Williams, Rt. #2, Lincoln |
| 156 | NW NE | 8 | 14N | 33W | 1,500 | Government Reserve |
| 157 | SW NE | 10 | 14N | 33W | 7,200 | C. C. Ryker, Rt. #2, Lincoln |
| 158 | SW SE | 10 | 14N | 33W | 7,200 | Z. W. Lofton, Lincoln |
| 159 | NE NW | 11 | 14N | 33W | 4,320 | M. S. Padgett, Lincoln |
| 160 | SE SW | 11 | 14N | 33W | 7,200 | Evert Thomas, Lincoln |
| 161 | NE SW | 16 | 14N | 33W | 2,800 | H. McCarty, Rt. #2, Lincoln |
| 162 | SE NE | 17 | 14N | 33W | 2,500 | W. C. Choate, Lincoln |
| 163 | NE SE | 20 | 14N | 33W | 11,520 | State of Arkansas |
| 164 | SE NW | 28 | 14N | 33W | 240,000 | Cane Hill Canning Co., Cane Hill |
| 165 | NW NE | 34 | 14N | 33W | 14,400 | Mrs. Ray, Morrow |
| 166 | NE SE | 36 | 14N | 33W | 11,520 | Owen Reed, Rt. #1, Cane Hill |
| 167 | SW NW | 3 | 15N | 29W | 14,400 | Anna E. Martin, Rt. #5, Fayetteville |
| 168 | NW NW | 7 | 15N | 29W | 3,000 | C. E. Denney, Fayetteville |
| 169 | NE SW | 17 | 15N | 29W | 5,000 | R. S. James, Rt. #5, Fayetteville |
| 170 | SE NE | 23 | 15N | 29W | 6,000 | W. J. Harris, Rt. #1, Elkins |
| 171 | SE SE | 23 | 15N | 29W | 4,800 | J. S. Clark, Rt. #1, Elkins |
| 172 | NE NE | 32 | 15N | 29W | 1,200 | J. D. Eagle, Fayetteville |
| 173 | SW NE | 35 | 15N | 29W | 7,200 | Tom Smith, Carter |
| 174 | SE NE | 35 | 15N | 29W | 60,000 | W. B. Netherland, Hix |
| 175 | SE SE | 36 | 15N | 29W | 1,000 | H. E. Eaton, Durham |
| 176 | SE NW | 2 | 15N | 29W | 1,000 | Neal Carim, Prairie Grove |
| 177 | SE SE | 4 | 15N | 32W | 14,400 | A. J. Wilson, Prairie Grove |
| 178 | NW NW | 13 | 15N | 32W | 4,000 | Nora Rollins, Prairie Grove |
| 179 | NW NE | 21 | 15N | 32W | 7,200 | Unknown |
| 180 | NW SW | 27 | 15N | 32W | 1,000 | Robert Parks, Salisaw, Okla. |
| 181 | SW SW | 32 | 15N | 32W | 79,200 | I. A. Tull, Norma, Okla. |
| 182 | NE NE | 33 | 15N | 32W | 1,000 | J. P. Harris, Prairie Grove |
| 183 | NW SE | 34 | 15N | 32W | 8,640 | W. A. Delap, Rt. #1, Lincoln |
| 184 | SE NE | 3 | 15N | 33W | 1,000 | J. C. Mensch, Rt. #1, Lincoln |
| 185 | NW NW | 4 | 15N | 33W | 28,800 | Fred Stennant, Summers |
| 186 | NW NW | 11 | 15N | 33W | 61,920 | R. G. Beal, Lincoln |
| 187 | SE SW | 29 | 15N | 33W | 2,000 | W. V. Bibb, Rt. #2, Lincoln |
| 188 | SE SE | 30 | 15N | 33W | 1,000 | C. L. Carter, Wichita |
| 189 | NE NW | 32 | 15N | 33W | 1,000 | J. T. Smith, Lincoln |
| 190 | NE NW | 33 | 15N | 33W | 19,200 | R. H. Gibson, Summers |
| 191 | SE SE | 1 | 16N | 29W | 31,680 | Fred Kleine, Goshen |
| 192 | NW NE | 2 | 17N | 28W | 27,360 | L. A. Sanders, Spring Valley |
| 193 | NE SE | 15 | 17N | 28W | 27,360 | Bruce Morris, Mayfield |
| 194 | NW SW | 4 | 17N | 29W | 31,680 | Jones Heirs, Rt. #2, Springdale |

Table 27. List of springs in Benton, Carroll,
Madison, and Washington counties
(cont.)

| Map no. | Location | | | Est. 24-hour yield (gals.) | Owner and address | |
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| | S. | T. | R. | | | |
| 195 | NW NW | 18 | 17N | 30W | 528,480 | Ed Farrish, Rt. #4, Springdale |
| 196 | SE NW | 20 | 17N | 30W | 40,320 | A. J. Greathouse, Rt. #4, Springdale |
| 197 | NE NE | 24 | 17N | 30W | 27,360 | Jack Wilkerson, Johnson |
| 198 | NE SW | 34 | 17N | 32W | 40,320 | Wedington Park Reserve |
| 199 | SE NW | 36 | 17N | 32W | 148,320 | Earl Darling, Fayetteville |
| 200 | SE NW | 25 | 18N | 31W | 630,000 plus | Steele Bros., Elm Springs |
| 201 | NW SW | 34 | 18N | 31W | 630,000 plus | Roy Arthurs, Elm Springs |
| <u>Madison County</u> | | | | | | |
| 202 | NE NW | 7 | 16N | 25W | 3,000 | H. A. Griggs, Rt. #2, Huntsville |
| 203 | NW SW | 9 | 16N | 26W | 18,720 | L. W. Minor, Huntsville |
| 204 | NW SE | 26 | 16N | 26W | 57,600 | Wilburn Boman, Huntsville |
| 205 | SW NE | 2 | 16N | 27W | 108,000 | Mr. Linemore, Rogers |
| 206 | SW NW | 14 | 16N | 27W | 62,020 | John Hillis, Huntsville |
| 207 | SW SW | 17 | 17N | 24W | 108,000 | M. L. Harvey, Marble |
| 208 | SW SE | 18 | 17N | 24W | 53,280 | John Kane, Marble |
| 209 | SW NW | 4 | 17N | 25W | 89,280 | W. R. Goucher, Alabama |
| 210 | SW SW | 20 | 17N | 25W | 46,080 | John Berry, Huntsville |
| 211 | NE NW | 19 | 17N | 26W | 630,000 plus | Hobbs Tie & Lbr., Gayetteville |
| 212 | NE SW | 21 | 17N | 26W | 53,280 | Clara Harrington, Huntsville |
| 213 | NW NW | 21 | 17N | 26W | 27,360 | J. C. Smith, Huntsville |
| 214 | NE NE | 21 | 17N | 26W | 27,360 | Elmer Warren, Huntsville |
| 215 | NW NE | 22 | 17N | 26W | 18,720 | Frank Simpson, Huntsville |
| 216 | SE SE | 34 | 17N | 26W | 4,100 | I. M. Coger, Huntsville |
| 217 | SW NW | 13 | 17N | 27W | 108,000 | P. G. Hawkins, Hindsville |
| 218 | SE NW | 18 | 17N | 27W | 18,720 | I. K. Vaughan, Whitener |
| 219 | NW NE | 22 | 17N | 27W | 24,480 | W. E. Starns, Hindsville |
| 220 | SW NE | 33 | 18N | 25W | 53,280 | Lem Kindell, Berryville |
| 221 | NE SW | 2 | 18N | 26W | 27,360 | Melvin Graham, Clifty |
| 222 | SE SW | 24 | 18N | 26W | 24,480 | Jim McElroy, Fayetteville |
| 223 | SE NW | 25 | 18N | 26W | 18,720 | May Lawman, Los Angeles, Calif. |
| 224 | NE SW | 25 | 18N | 26W | 79,200 | May Lawman, Los Angeles, Calif. |
| 225 | SW SE | 30 | 18N | 26W | 18,720 | E. L. Calico, Clifty |
| 226 | SW SE | 10 | 18N | 27W | 27,360 | Mrs. J. B. Todd, Clifty |
| 227 | NE NE | 15 | 18N | 27W | 53,280 | Charley Samuels, Clifty |
| 228 | NW NW | 27 | 18N | 27W | 27,360 | E. Guthrie, Hindsville |
| 229 | NW SE | 33 | 19N | 25W | 27,360 | Sam Doss, Rock House |
| 230 | SE SW | 15 | 17N | 30W | | Brumfield's Fish Hatchery, Johnson, Washington County |

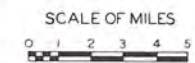
1/ Springs nos. 1 to 27, inclusive, have not been weired. Most of the springs nos. 28 to 230 have been weired.



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| PENNSYLVANIAN | | Atoka formation | |
| | | Blount shale | |
| | | Hale formation | |
| | MISSISSIPPIAN | | Pittkin limestone |
| | | | Fayetteville shale |
| | | | Batesville sandstone |
| | DEVONIAN | | Boone formation |
| | | | Chattanooga shale |
| | | | Sylamore sandstone |
| | | | St. Peter sandstone |
| ORDOVICIAN | | Everton limestone | |
| | | Powell limestone | |
| | | Coffey dolomite | |
| | | Fault | |
| | | State Highway | |
| | | U.S. Highway | |
| | | Contour | |
| | | Springs | |

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