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Start Drilling On New 2,700-Foot City Well



CIVIC MILESTONE — Councilman George Clifton, chairman of the water committee, shovels the first dirt Friday in ground-breaking for the city's new deep well as other council members and the mayor await their turns. In the group, left to right: Bernie Matherly, waterworks superintendent; Councilman Bob Breiting; Don Kunkel, driller for Thorpe Well Co.; Clifton; City Engineer Don Ferguson; Councilmen Howard Sage, Carl Speth, John Hotchkin and Ed Speth; and Mayor Tom Godfrey.

Target Date For Operation Is Dec. 31, '55

Thorpe Well Company Starts Work on Site of Former City Reservoir

Drilling started late last week on Grinnell's first new deep well in nearly 30 years.

Located on the site of the old reservoir on West street, "Number Seven" is scheduled to be in operation by Dec. 31, 1955, according to Don Ferguson, city engineer.

Mayor Tom Godfrey and members of the city council participated in the ground-breaking ceremonies Friday morning which formally launched beginning of work on the 2,700-foot shaft by the Thorpe Well company of Des Moines.

City officials hope for an output of at least 800 gallons a minute, and possibly as high as 1,000 gallons, once the new well goes into operation. The city's No. 5 and 6 wells are now producing about 1,400 gallons a minute between them.

Cost of the entire operation, including drilling, pump and connections, will come to about $114,000, Ferguson said. The well will be financed by sale of revenue bonds.