

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Iron County's rock crusher plant, located just north of the Paint River Falls dam has begun operations. The plant was provided for by appropriations approved by the Iron County Board of Supervisors last October. The County Road Commission has had in mind for several years the installation of a crushing plant using for material the trap or diorite rock which is a hard wearing rock but breaks well and is considered the best road making material found anywhere for use in construction of County roads. The plant consists of two gyratory crushers with the first machine crushing the rock which has been blasted from the pit which is then conveyed to the second unit which crushes the material to the desired size. A railroad siding was installed from the main St. Paul tracks and the processed material is stored in two elevated bins 60' long, 20' wide and 40' high that gravity feed railroad cars positioned beneath the bins which haul the material to its destination. The plant has a capacity of 500 tons per day.