

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Debate over proposed Project Sanguine continues despite the Navy's announcement that it was suspending development of the controversial project for the current year. Project Sanguine is the Navy's term for a radio transmitter which would be used to send one way messages to the United States Armed Forces throughout the world and especially to submarines deep under water. The project would be located in an area approximately 40 miles by 40 miles which would include parts of Iron, Marquette, Baraga and Dickinson Counties. The antenna cables would be buried in a grid 4 to 6 feet beneath the surface of the ground with hardened transmitter capsules spaced throughout the grid. The concern raised is for the environmental impact and how the project might affect animals and humans in the designated area.

The former Amasa Lumber Co. property has been sold to Ahonen Lumber Co. of Ironwood. The new firm is making plans for a dimensional lumber plant and wood finishing and sizing operation. Amasa Lumber has been closed for several years following the collapse of hardwood laminating business owned by Laminated Industries of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.