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PUBLICITY ON CHRYSOTILE, ARIZONA, ACTIVITIES

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J-M CHRYSOTILE, ARIZONA, ASBESTOS MINE REOPENS WITH NEW MILL CONSTRUCTION

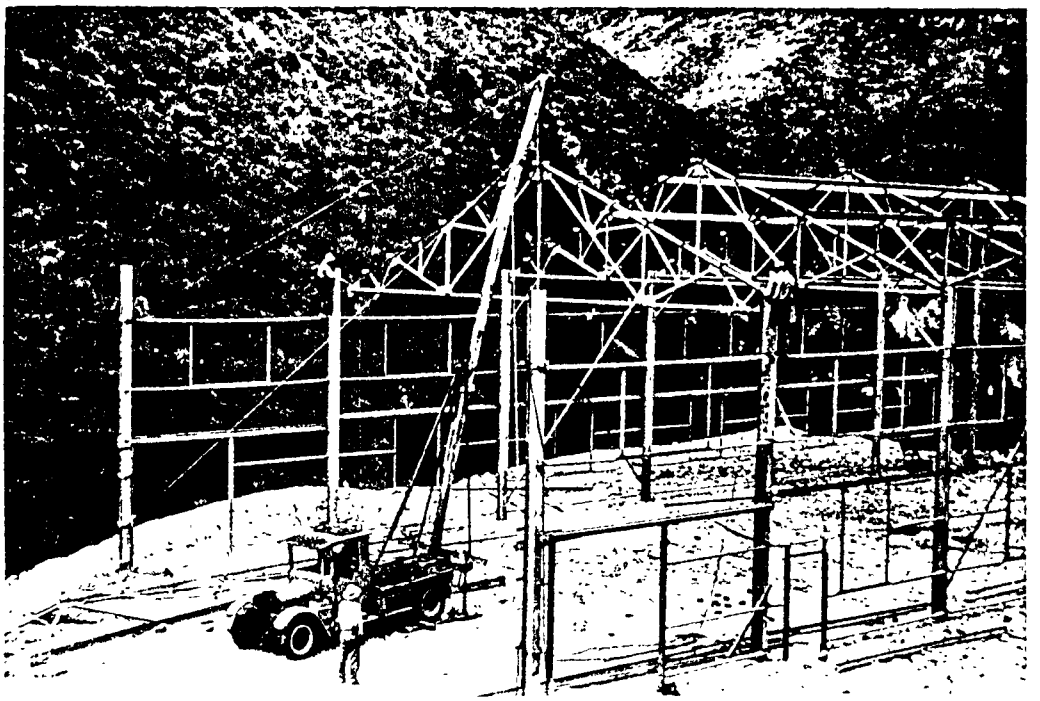
Increased demand for the white, low-iron asbestos produced at J-M's Chrysotile property northeast of Globe in Arizona has resulted in greatly increased activity at that location. A mill to produce a variety of grades of the high quality Arizona fiber is now being constructed, as is an addition to the present power plant which will house a large diesel-electric unit. Other building work includes living quarters for the new employees.

In order to facilitate transportation to and from the mine the three miles of canyon road between U.S. Highway 60 and Chrysotile have been much improved.

A number of photographs taken by W.B. Millar, Mining Geologist for the Company, illustrate some of the activities mentioned.

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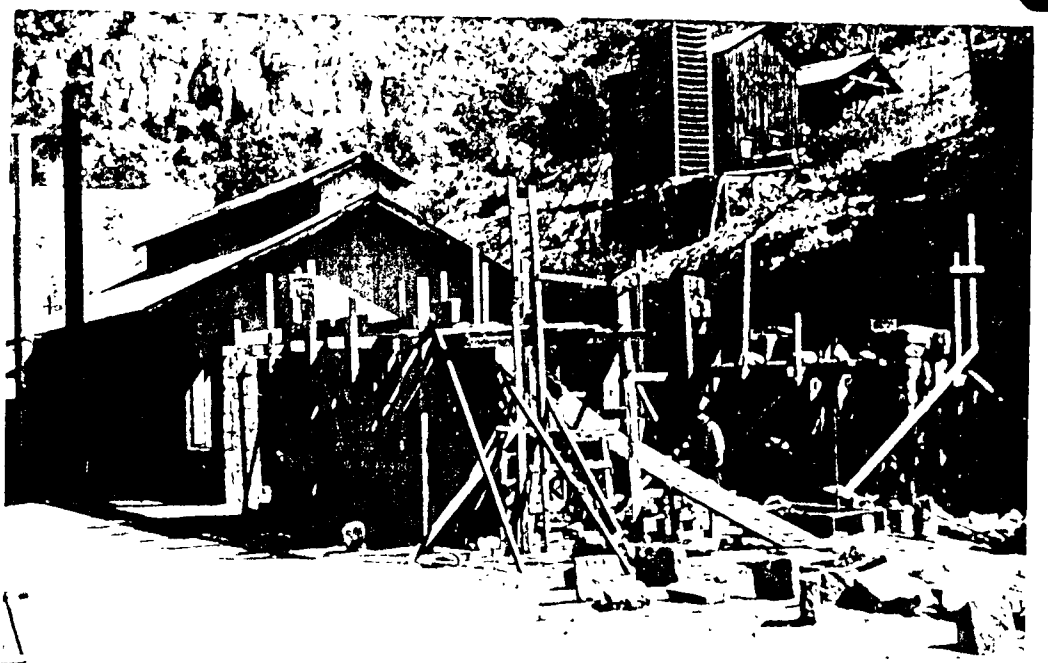


No. 1 Mill under construction. The steel gang is swinging a roof truss into position with a home made gin pole mounted on the back of an old White truck. Aug. 29, 1941.

No. 2 Mill with steel work finished, Sept. 11, 1941. Primary crusher platform lies on its back at right awaiting completion of the cement floor. New GMC dump truck in foreground. Sonora, Mexican workmen's village, lies on beyond mill.

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No. 3 Stone walls of the power plant extension go up. Diesel cooling tower in background, also a small warehouse. Mescal limestone and some tunnel entrances of the Victory Mine are visible in upper left corner.



No. 4 From Victory Mine looking south through the camp. Stone warehouse (and jail) in foreground, next in line is the blacksmith shop, then the power house, next (on right) the lumber storage shed, and in the distance the mine office. Mill, not shown, below and to the right.

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No. 5 The famous, or infamous, White Point section of the canyon road now unused owing to new road construction seen in the next picture. In this picture, looking north, the El Dorado Mine dump is at the left, and the Victory Mine dump in the distance ahead. Note the sign warning that "death is permanent", a wise thought on a bad curve in any country!



No. 6 New road construction on the south side of the White Point. A blast has just gone off and the photographer suddenly finds it expedient to move back a few hundred feet. Canyon walls are steep and construction is often a difficult procedure.

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No. 7 In front of the mine office, left to right: As indicated, a very black pooch called "Cameron" notable for his anti-social tendencies and the number of burrs which stick to him, belonging to (next) Frank Knuckey, Manager at Chrysotile, who is engaged in entertaining (next) A.E. Granger of the U.S. Geological Survey and J.R. Thoenen of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, with the help of (next) C.H. Shoemaker, V.P. from Headquarters. The discussion revolves around the fact that Arizona fiber is a strategic mineral and hence of Government concern. The Government scientists were pleased with J-M's activities at Chrysotile.

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No. 8 C.H. Shoemaker poses the Chrysotile small fry, plus school m'am, for his "pop-party" photo. The problem is to restrain some of the thirstier members of the cast who favor a refill job prior to the actual photographing, and two of these can be observed in action.



No. 9 Along the road from Globe to Phoenix.: Superstition Mountain and its cactus sentinels.

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J-M NEW PROCESSING MILL IN ARIZONA

An asbestos mill capable of processing large quantities of asbestos-bearing rock is now under construction on the Johns-Manville properties in Chrysotile, Arizona. According to C. H. Shoemaker, vice president of Johns-Manville Products Corporation, the new mill will be in operation early in 1942, and will at that time add substantially to the supply of asbestos fibre available in this country to meet defense manufacturing needs.

The asbestos fibre found at Chrysotile is particularly valuable in the manufacture of filters, woven asbestos materials, asbestos paper, many types of asbestos-cement products, and as fillers in asphalt tile and moulding compounds Continuous experimentation at J-M's research laboratories in Manville, N. J., resulted recently in the construction of a complete pilot mill with an entirely new process, which will allow the fullest use of Arizona's valuable asbestos deposits. Based on this development the large mill is now being built at Chrysotile, while explorations and tests are going on preparatory to expanding the mine itself

It has been estimated that approximately 100 men will be employed in the mill and mine, and that this number will be increased as the property is developed, making the J-M operation at Chrysotile, Arizona's largest asbestos development.

ASBESTOS MILL BEING BUILT AT CHRYSOTILE, ARIZONA

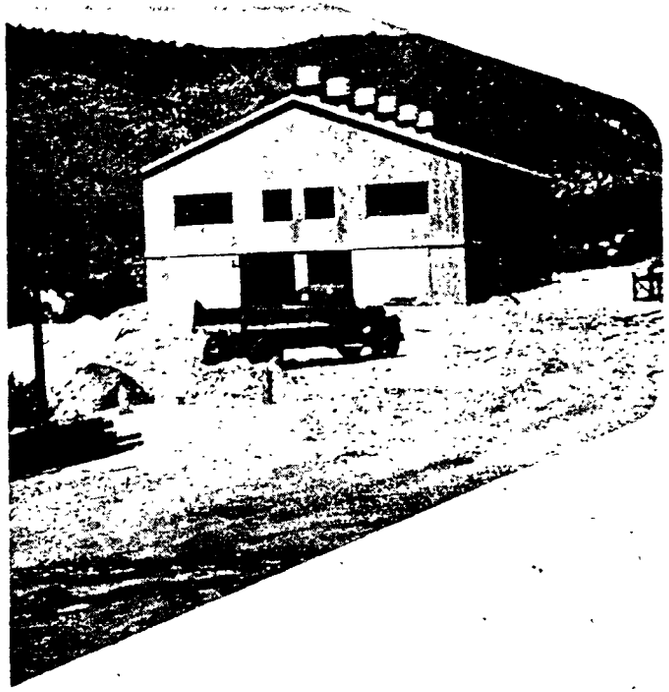
DEFENSE needs for asbestos will find an increased supply early in 1942 from a plant now being built at the Johns-Manville mine in Chrysotile, Ariz., according to C. H. Shoemaker, Vice-President of the Johns-Manville Products Corporation.

Scientists connected with the U. S. Government have expressed themselves as pleased with the development there in rugged Ash Creek Canyon, which is 1,200 feet deep and situated about 40 miles northeast of Globe, Ariz.

A special milling process perfected by J-M engineers has made possible the utilization of this Arizona fibre, heretofore mined as a marginal operation. Explorations and tests are being made in preparation for expanding the mine.

New construction at the mine includes an addition to the power plant that will house a large diesel-electric unit, a small warehouse, and living quarters for more employees. Approximately 100 men will be employed in the mill and mine.

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New Plant at Chrysotile—(*Look right.*) *Construction of this plant would have seemed impossible a comparatively few years ago when Ash Creek Canyon was reached only by pack train. Construction of U. S. Highway 60, which runs within three miles of the mine, and improvement of a connecting thoroughfare have facilitated transportation recently, to and from the mine.* (Photo by W. B. Millar, Mining Geologist of J-M)



Piles and Palisades at Chrysotile—*A rough landscape at the J-M asbestos mine in Arizona, near the country dramatized by Zane Grey, the author. Even in the smoother parts, where once were faint bridle trails, horses sometimes had to be spurred before they would descend with their riders. New highways make it unnecessary for J-Mers to risk taking headers. Railroads still keep their distance.* (Photo by C. H. Shoemaker)



Figures at the Front—*Left to right are: Frank Knuckey, Manager at Chrysotile; A. E. Granger, U. S. Geological Survey; J. R. Thoenen, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and C. H. Shoemaker, Vice-President of the Johns-Manville Products Corporation. Look as hard as you will, you won't find a trace of Cameron, the burred and bitten black pooch belonging to Mr. Knuckey. He just stepped out for a short beer.* (Photo by Millar)



Small Fry at a PopParty—*Chrysotile children and their teacher. Backing into the camera is Mr. Shoemaker. A far cry from the days at Chrysotile described by the late Nels A. Nelson when the "pastime was killing rattlesnakes, skunks, gila monsters, scorpions, tarantulas, and centipedes." He added that there were bears, wolves, bobcats, and mountain lions there then. Pass me more pop, please.* (Photo by Millar)

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Chrysotile Mine of Johns-Manville Closed

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Johns-Manville Will Close Asbestos Mine At Chrysotile

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The mining and milling operations which now come to a close, produced asbestos. Early war demands for this type of asbestos which justified the erection of a processing mill at Chrysotile in 1941 have now decreased to the point where the practical continuance of the operations are no longer warranted, Mr. Fisher said, adding that substantial inventories have been accumulated at eastern plants which will meet the demands for several months.

Sales and engineering surveys which the company has conducted indicate that practical operations cannot be ontinued under present and postwar onditions. Therefore, he said, the board of directors has ordered that the operations be discontinued May 31.

The mill building is to be dismantled and the processing machinery and items of portable equipment will be transferred to other Johns-Manville locations. The diesel powered plant and air compressor, and hard rock mining tools and equipment will be made available to purchasers in this area.

Mr. Fisher also announced that all employees who stay until the operations close will be given additional separation pay.

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General Headquarters
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TO: Headquarters Line & Staff
Factory Managers
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CHRYSOTILE MINE

At the direction of the Board of Directors the Company has closed the Johns-Manville Asbestos Mine at Chrysotile, Arizona.

The mining and milling operations at this location were resumed on a commercial scale in 1941, to provide asbestos fibre of a type required by early war demands. These demands have now decreased to to the point where practical continuance of the operations is no longer warranted. Sales and engineering surveys which the Company has conducted indicated that the operations cannot be continued under present and postwar conditions.

Except for maintenance & prospecting, the operations closed effective May 31, 1945. Mr. Frank Knuckey, Factory Manager, has resigned to seek another opportunity.

Correspondence in regard to matters at this mine, comming under the jurisdiction of the Manufacturing & Mining Department, should be forwarded to my attention at the Headquarters Office.

A. R. Fisher

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Gila County Asbestos Mine Survey Begun

Special to The Republic

GLOBE, July 1—Henry V. Snell, 73, pioneer mining engineer of Globe, who still is an active mining engineer of Los Angeles, has returned here to make a survey of asbestos producers in Gila County.

Snell's first asbestos venture was a trip by horseback in 1914 to inspect the mines. An option agreement on the mines was offered Snell by Al West, who, with his brother Tom, founded the Globe suburb of Central Heights.

Snell though the option was good business and took it. His partner was W. D. Fisk, a Globe banker, who died last year in California.

SNELL describes his early-day mining promotions as "one trip east after another." He took samples of the asbestos and chrysotile and made a tour of eastern manufacturers. "They all said no," he recalls.

Snell returned, undiscouraged. He and Fisk then put about 20 Indians to work and called their location Chrysotile. Snell says that by the end of the year they had about 100 workers and two carloads of crude fiber going to Globe daily on burros.

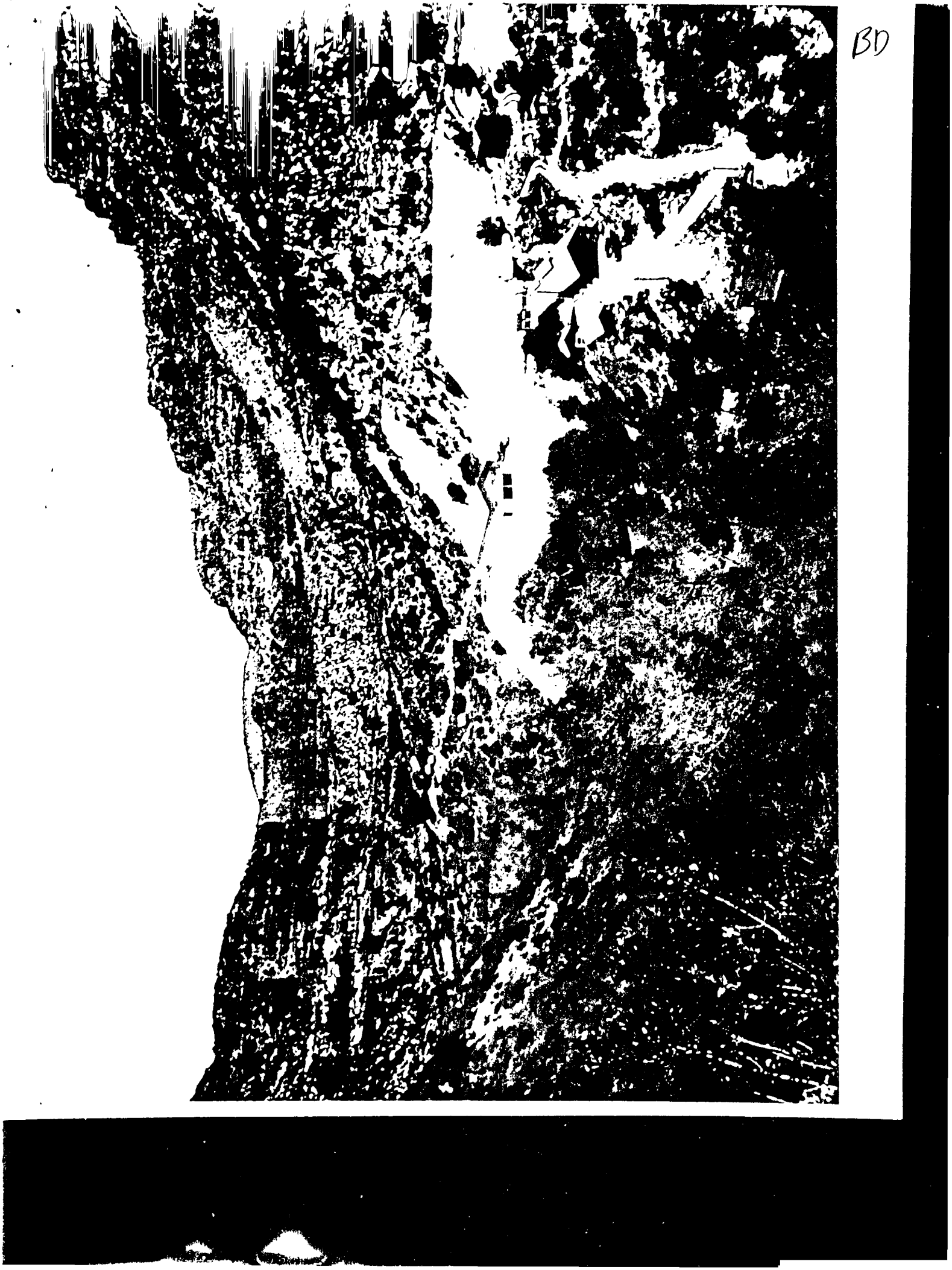
Their first marked success was when T. F. Manville of Johns-Manville Co., ordered a carload of the iron-free asbestos. Eventually Manville bought an interest in the claims and in 1918 Johns-Manville purchased the entire workings.

HOWEVER, activity slackened a few years ago and the mine shut down.

Recently Western Chemical Co. of Phoenix and Los Angeles, headed by W. D. Cluff, purchased the property and built a 50-ton cruding plant. The company will ship the processed ore to Los Angeles for fiberizing.

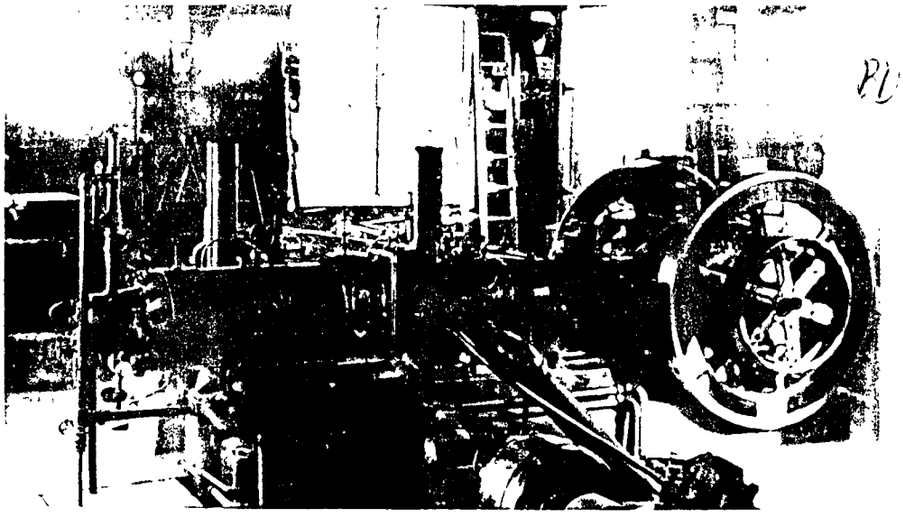
Nowadays there are enough asbestos producers in Gila County so that the Arizona Producers of Gila County has been formed to promote an extensive use of Gila County's iron-free asbestos. But Chrysotile was the pioneer mine.

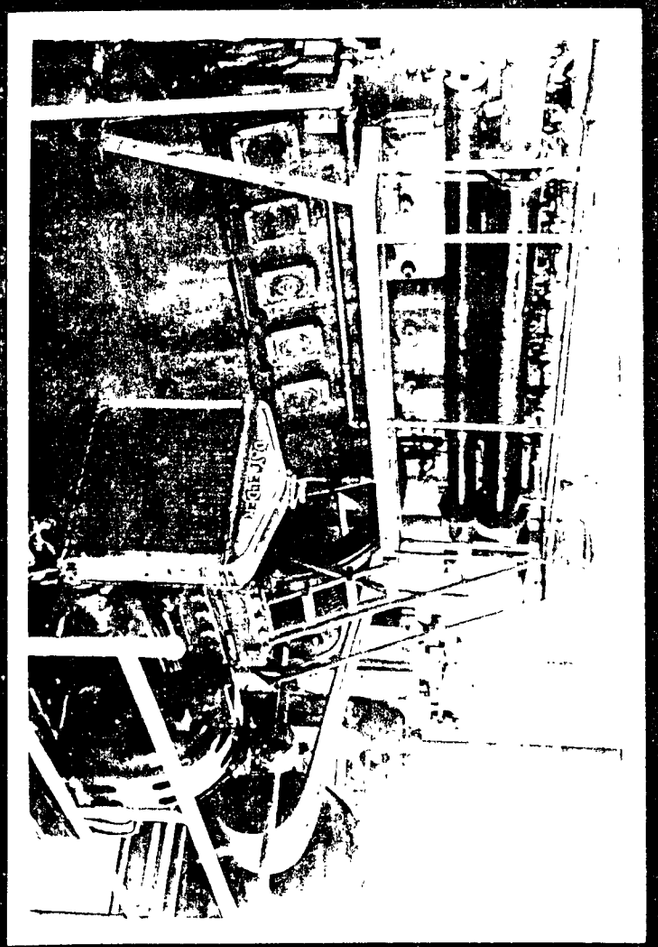
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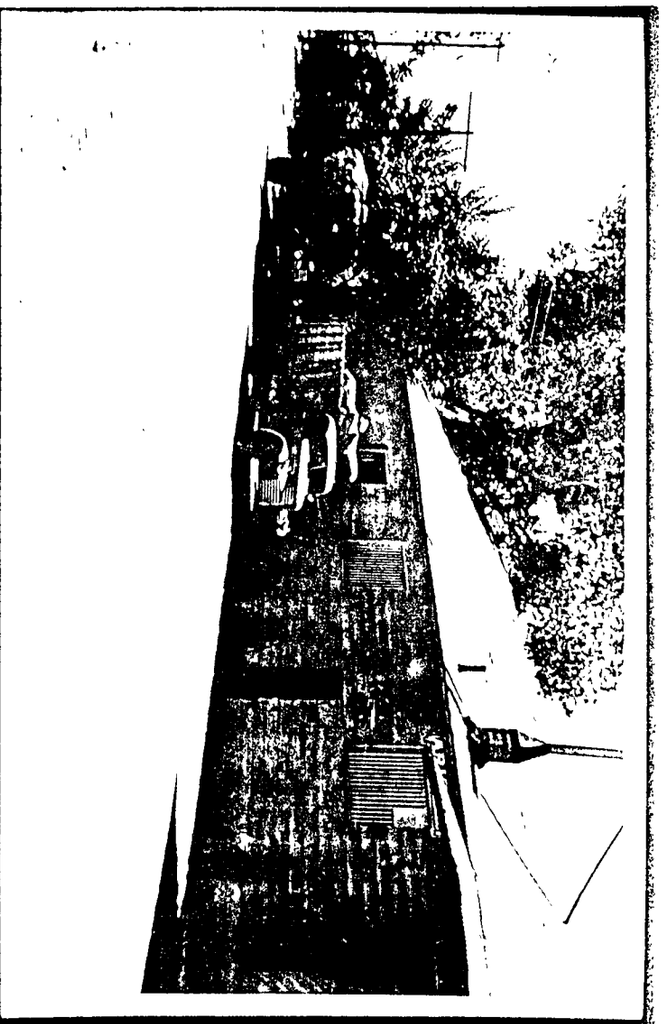


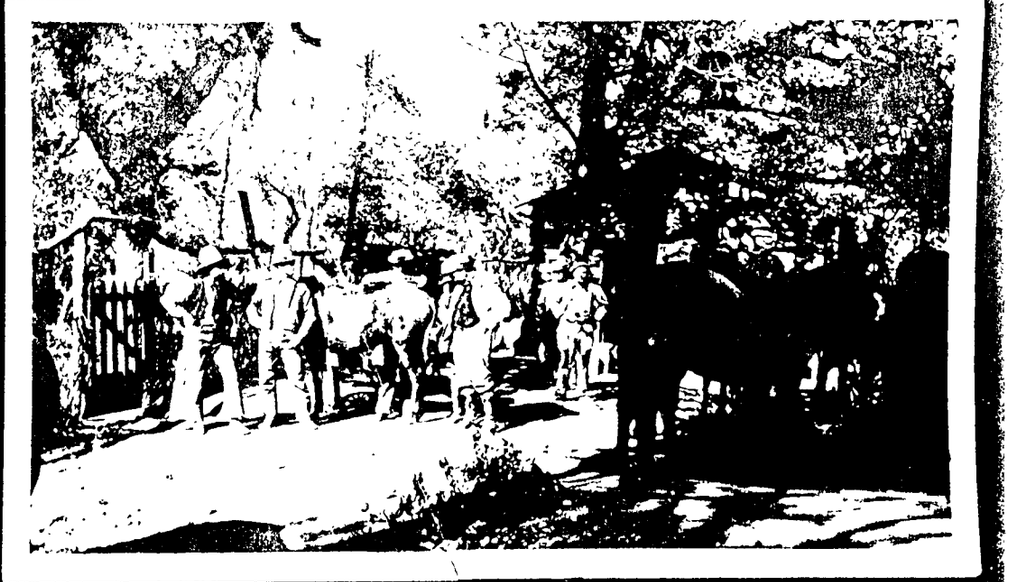
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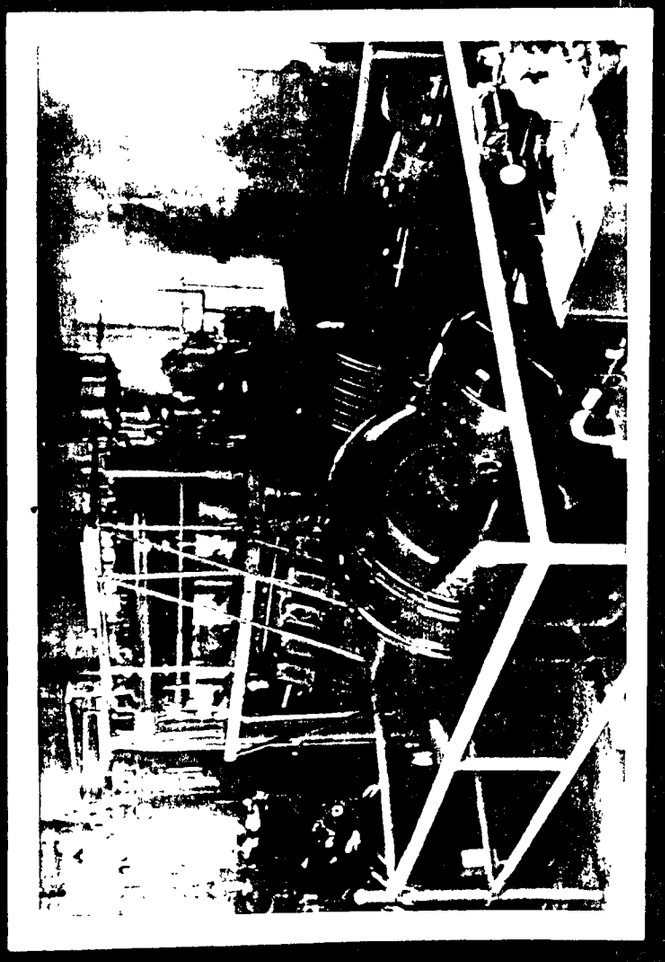


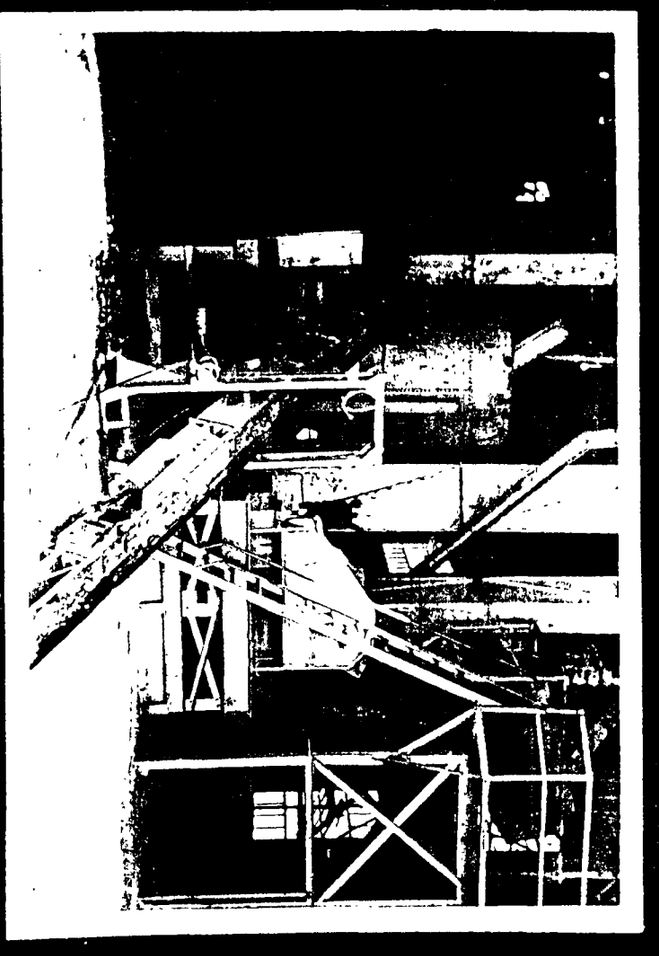


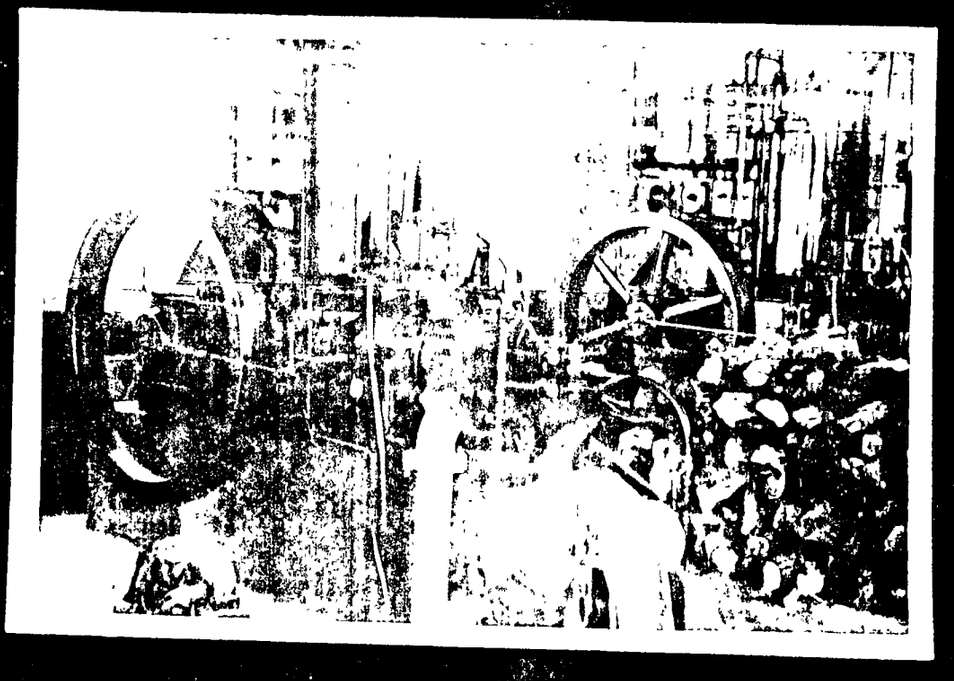
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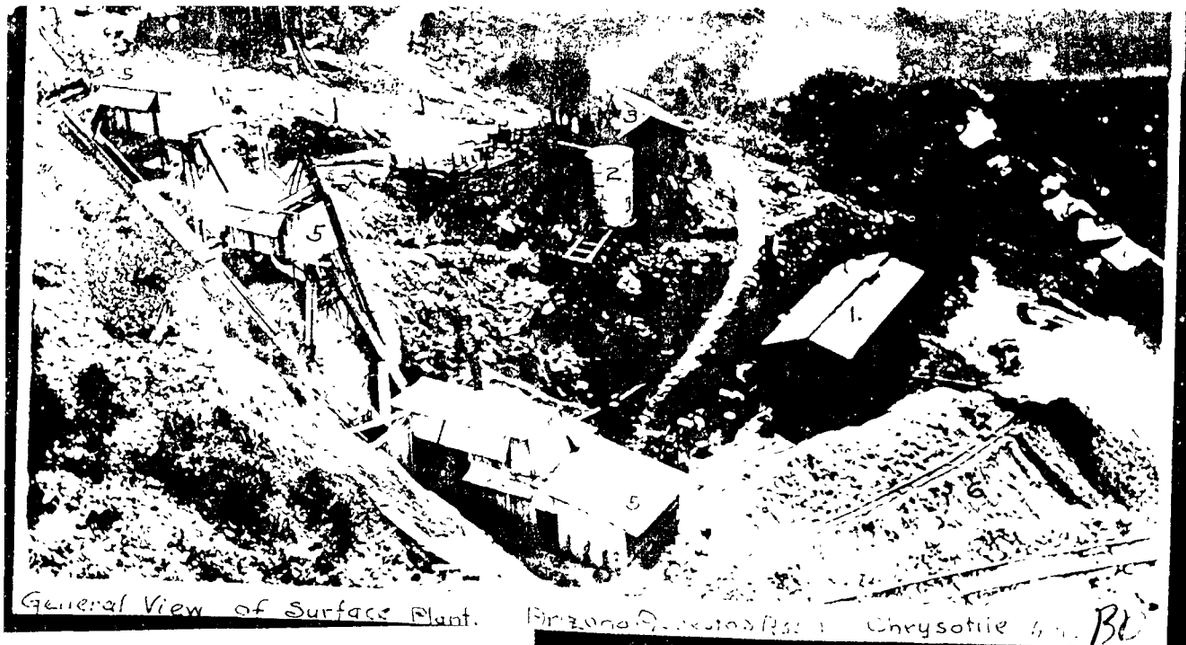




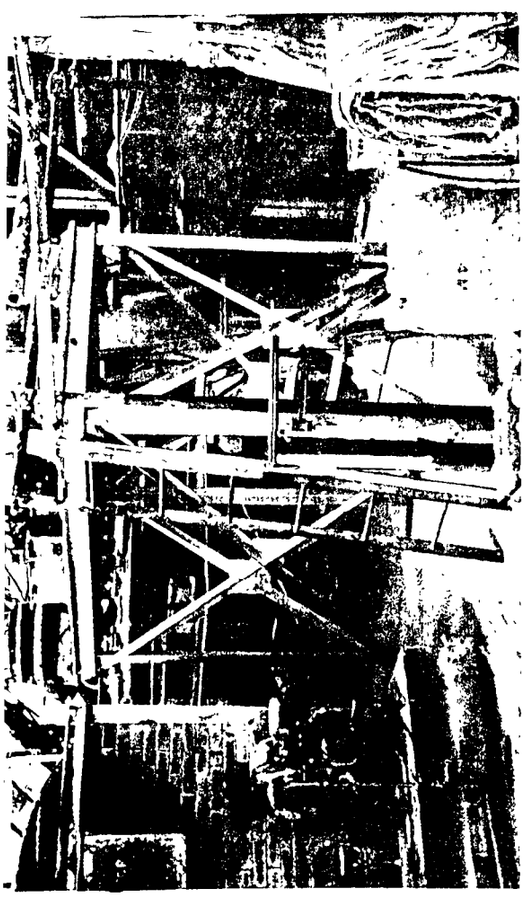


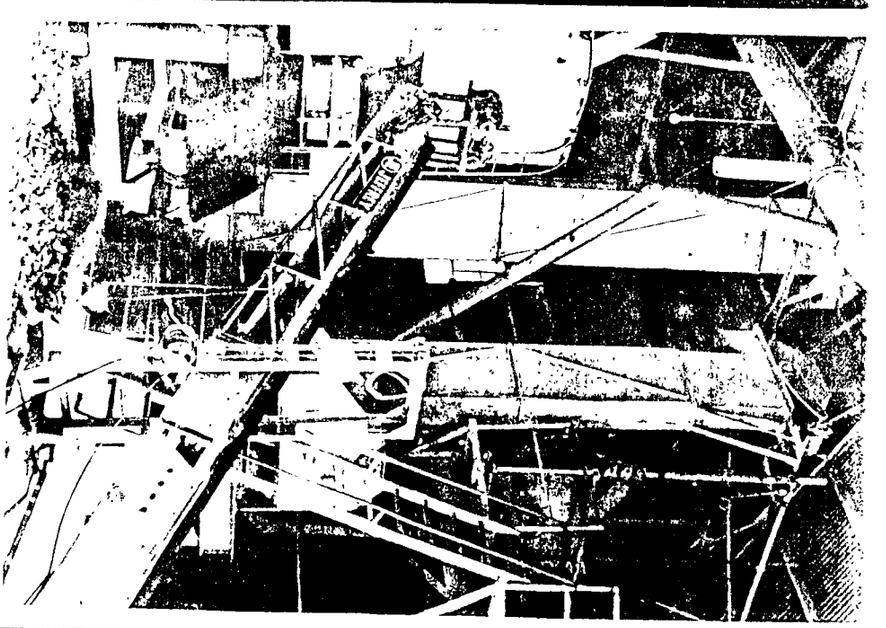


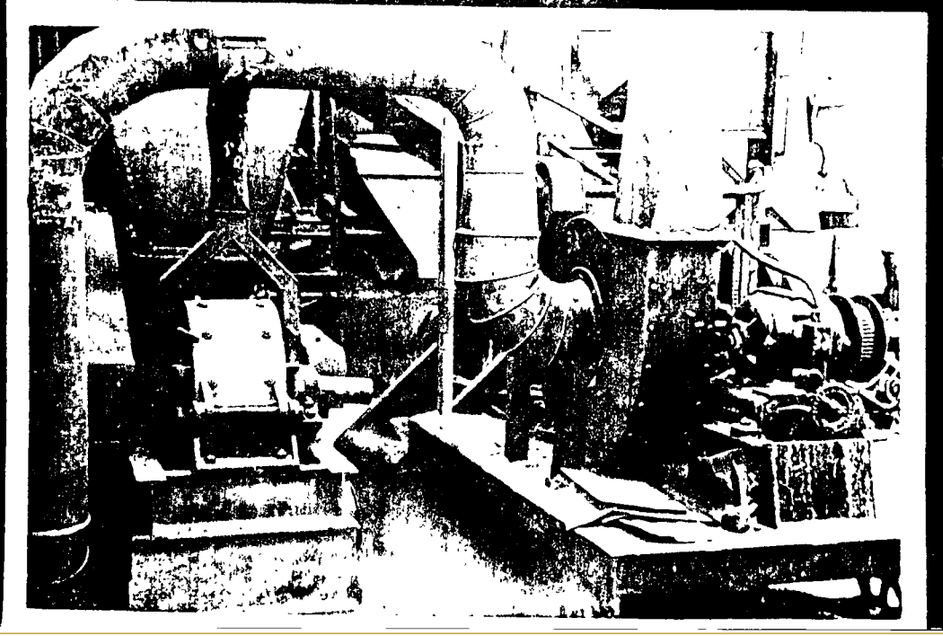
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