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Mining At Fort Rock

Exploration started in Lake County

Diatomite Mining Starts At Dick Schaub Ranch

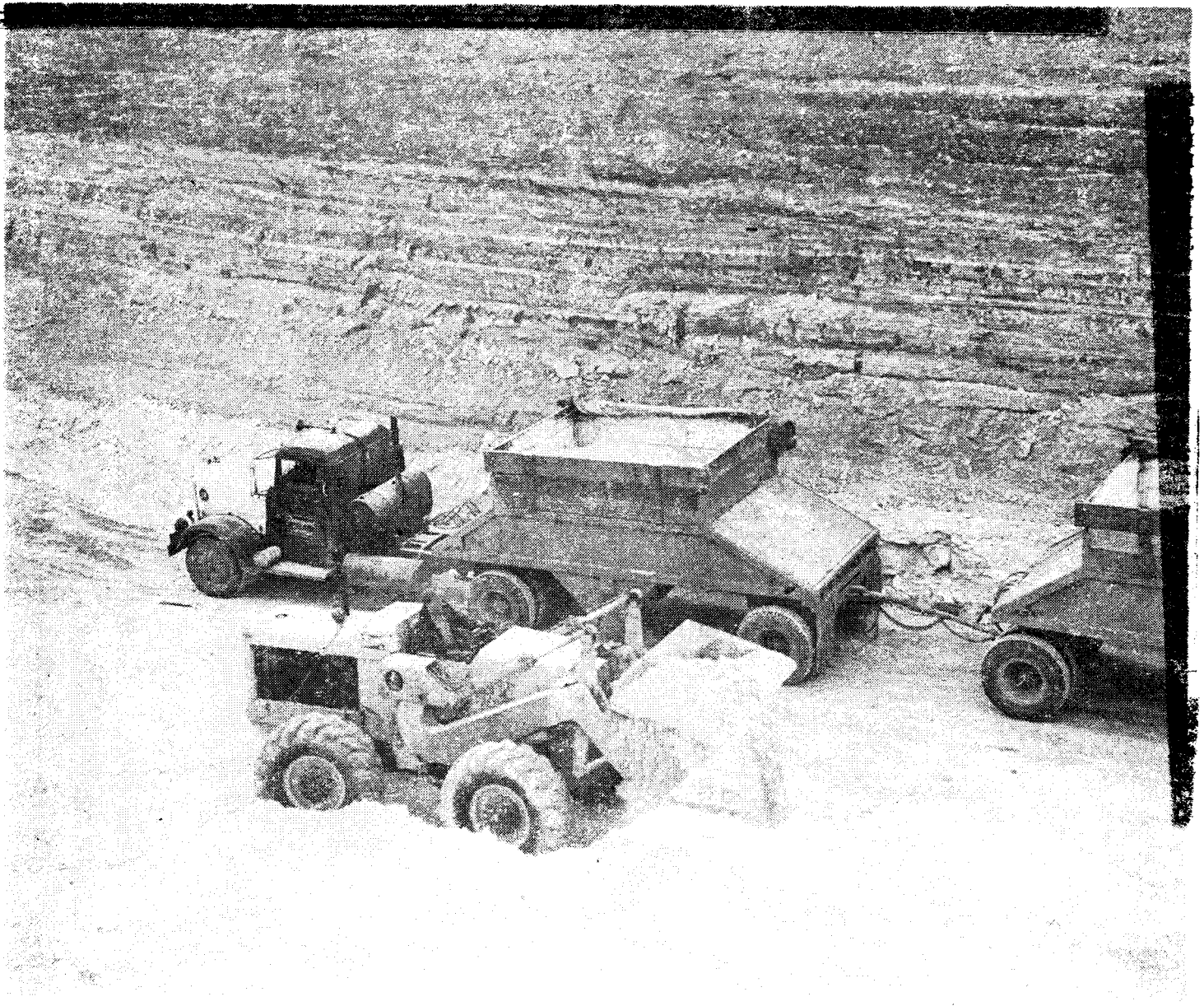
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FORT ROCK—The first mining operations in North Lake County got under way here last week when Babler Brothers Construction Company of Redmond began stripping overburden to obtain diatomite for Great Lakes Carbon Company, Terrebonne.

The stripping should be completed by the end of this week, according to Bud Pollock of the construction firm. This will require the removal of 30,000 yards. Two Euclid 20-yard scrapers and a D-8 Caterpillar are being used.

Hauling to the company's processing plant at Lower Bridge, near Terrebonne, should get under way October 21 or 22, Pollock said. They will haul on a 24 hour basis using a Hough loader and four truck and trailer outfits.

Diatomite is used for filtering and if this test area yields the quality expected a larger area will be mined. Work is taking place on the Richard Schaub place 10 miles southeast of Fort Rock.



VIEW of the Great Lakes Carbon Company's diatomite deposit ten miles southeast of Fort Rock. The work here is an open pit, at a depth of 20 feet. The special truck haulers are being used for the trip to the company's plant at Tebbonne. The site was purchased from Dick Schaub. Classed as an industrial mineral, the white, light weight material is used for filtering in food processing, and for filler in paint, paper and plastic manufacturing. (Staff Photo, Fort Rock)

At Fort Rock, excavation continued on the Dick Schaub place where the Great Lakes Carbon Company is testing a deposit of diatomite for commercial use. The material, used in filtering in food processing and for other uses in paint, paper and plastic manufacturing. Material from the open pit operation is being hauled to the company's plant near Tebbonne for processing.

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The Oromite Company has started its new plant at Terrebonne, Oregon, in Deschutes County and is operating it seven days a week on a one-shift schedule. Later production will be stepped up. The plant, the finished product of which is Dicalite, replaces the one destroyed by fire in May of 1940. Power is brought from the high-lines of the Pacific Power and Light Company and flood lights make night work possible. The company mines and treats diatomaceous earth at Terrebonne and also at its property near Torrance, California. D. F. Dyrsmid, chief engineer, will soon return to his home at Palo Verde, California, having been in local charge of plant installation. McKinley Stockton is at Terrebonne supervising operations, having recently returned from the California property. Main offices are at Suite 500, 756 South Broadway, Los Angeles. About 30 men are employed at Terrebonne.

The Oromite Company plans to start its new refining plant February 1, construction of which started early in November. The plant will replace the one built in 1936 and lost by fire in 1940. The company produces diatomaceous earth from its property in the Lower Bridge district of Deschutes County near Terrebonne, Oregon. McKinley Stockton, Terrebonne, is general superintendent and D. F. Dyrsmid, Terrebonne, is chief engineer. Main offices are Suite 500, 756 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California.