Pyrite Ore Mining To Be Resumed

Preparations for the resumption of pyrite ore mining is being made in Arkansas three miles north of Berryville, Carrol county, George C. Branner, state geologist, said last week after an inspection tour of North Arkansas mineral deposits. Pyrite is used in making sulphuric acid.

Drillings have been made near outcrops in the Berryville vicinity during the past few weeks in an effort to determine the extent of the deposits. While no extensive study of pyrite deposits in the state has ever been made, the state geologist said that the mineral has been located near Yellville, Marion county and near Magnet Cove.

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Deposits Of Pyrite In Carroll

Several deposits of pyrite, used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, lie in Carroll county. Dr. George C. Branner, state geologist, said in the Arkansas Geological Survey's County Mineral Report 2, compiled from find data collected by the Work Projects Administration's state mineral survey. The 58-page publication was released yesterday.

The acid in which pyrite is used is employed principally in making phosphate fertilizers and explosives, and refining crude oil. The Carroll county pyrite, only deposit of consequence in the state, apparently has a questionable commercial value at present prices, the report states.

The mineral survey in Report 2 covered Washington, Benton, Madison and Carroll counties.

Tripool, principally in Benton county, is best adapted as a filler and is used as a concrete admixture. In recent years the product under the trade name "Opatite" has found a large potential market as a constituent of oil well drilling mud.

Dr. Branner said the counties have good deposits of alluvial sand which could be developed commercially. Gravel and building stones have been revenue sources, but of only local importance.

The next mineral survey report will cover Pulaski, Saline, Garland and Montgomery counties.

Couch Asks Data On Ore Deposits

The Survey is now being made of the mineral deposits in the Missouri Arkansas region of the South West. The report has been in progress for some time under the direction of W. H. Couch, United States Bureau of Mining, and is expected to be completed in a few months.

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Preparations Made to Resume Pyrite Ore Mining

In the Ozark district of north Arkansas, George C. Branner, state geologist, said the deposits of pyrite in the state have never been thoroughly examined. He said that the mineral has been located near Yellville, Marion county, and near Magnet Cove.

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The Morning Star mines, while not in active operation, are giving working contracts to a number of local miners at Rush, in Marion county, and there are making a good production of free carbonate of pyrite.

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