A new crushing mill which will be installed soon will give the Arkansas Slate Products Company plant near Caddo Gap above a high speed production of slate granules. The granules, used in the manufacture of composition roofing, can be processed only from hard slate, such as found at Caddo Gap.

LARGE CRUSHER TO BE INSTALLED AT SLATE MILL NEAR CADDOD GAP

Gazette

Because a market for several ex- pressions of slate granules daily has been indicated by the purchases of roofing companies in this trade territory, the Arkansas Slate Products Company immediately will install additional crushing equipment at its Caddo Gap plant capable of crushing approximately seven tons of slate per hour.

Full capacity of the mill will not be utilized until slate sections of the pad are ground up proportionately. R. M. Taylor, vice president, said that a few-ton-per-hour processing is planned on a 24-hour basis, or a 36-hour basis when feasible.

Mill Rightly Mechanized

Excessive use of machinery will enable the company to process the slate at a cost of approximately 8¢ per ton, permitting the company to offer its product at 8.50 per ton, f. o. b. Caddo Gap. This is in sharp contrast to the approximately 41¢ per ton cost for slate granules of Pennsylvania and Minnesota, lad down to the company, the Gazette was told.

The Arkansas product is dis- cerned by its characteristically extreme hardness and its natural or impure coloring, or Taylor said.

Polk County Slate Mining Expanded

Special to the Gazette

Mena, May 17—Mining activity in the Mena area is not confined to taking out manganese ore. A remuneration this week of production from the Lebrauch slate mine has resulted in sales of slate granules being loaded for delivery to roofing manufacturers at Shreveport, La. In addition E. B. Hard, Shreve- port building contractor, is mining and shipping considerable slate slate, which will be used in construction work in the Louisiana city. During the week-end Mr. Hard hauled one carload of slate slabs and expects to ship several more within 10 days. This type of slate is used particularly in flagstone walkways and driveways, porch floors and other flat surfacing work on residential structures.

Slate Mill at Glenwood Will Add Machinery.

Special to the Gazette

Glenwood, April 14—The Arkans- as Slate Manufacturing Company of Glenwood has bought additional machinery for the slate mill here. It will double the capacity. The mill operates on a day and night shift. President C. P. Saviacl has been in Missouri buying the equip- ment.

Mr. Taylor reported that orders had been received in the past from various cities in this trade territory, many of which the company was unable to fill because of inadequate equipment at that time. Regular shipments of granules have been made to the Byrd Roofing Company of Shreveport for some time.

Williams to Use Product.

James M. Williams Jr., president and chairman of the board of the Williams Roofing Products Company of Kansas City and president and general manager of the Williams Roofing Company of Little Rock and quartzite (Nevada county) whose appointment as sales executive and member of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Slate Products Com- pany, Inc., was announced this week, reported that his company will use some of the Arkansas granules at its Kansas City plant.

Other officers of the Arkansas Slate Products Company official family includes M. B. Raines, president; Fred Demam and M. Savick, directors, and C. P. Savian, director and superintendent of the mill. General offices are located at 190 West Second street, Little Rock.